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#### ABSTRACT

A series of bridged amino nitro diphenyl compounds (below) was studied to determine the effect of the bridging entity Z on the hyperpolarizability of the molecule.

Several series of novel polyesters and polyurethanes were prepared by condensation of five alcohol monomers (below), containing second harmonic generation (SHG) active groups, with diacid chlorides and diisocyanates.

Four novel diols and a novel tetrol were designed to covalently incorporate nitroanilines and aminonitrodiphenyl sulfides into the polymeric backbone.

Polymer structures were confirmed be NMR, IR and UV spectroscopies and elemental analysis. Polymers were characterized by X-ray scattering and DSC. Diols and disocyanates were corona poled during the course of the polymerization. This approach showed improved active group alignment vs the conventionally corona poled polymers as indicated by an up to 500% increase of the SHG. Polyurethanes showed excellent stability of the SHG signal at room and at elevated temperatures due to the hydrogen bonding "locking in" the SHG active dipole. Crosslinked polyurethanes showed no SHG signal relaxation after 1000 second exposure to 120°C.

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#### INTRODUCTION

**VLSI** 

Recent advances in technology have created a need for new types of materials. This has been the driving force for the so called "materials revolution." Perhaps the biggest and the most challenging demand on materials had been placed by the information processing industry.

The computer industry's drive to store as much information as possible in a minimal amount of space and to access it in a short time brought forth a new class of materials and processes. New semi-conductive materials, ceramics and polymers were synthesized to meet this challenge.

Very large scale integration, VLSI, requires sharp resolution polymer films for lithography. This type of a photoactive polymer, called a photoresist, needed to be patterned by ultra-violet light and selectively removed on a micron width scale. Currently there is a strong demand for further integration. Sub-micron lithography calls for new polymers that can be patterned by an X-ray source. A shorter wavelength exposure source is needed because the desired circuits need resolution finer than that defined by the wavelength of ultra-violet light.

However, the ultimate limit of this technology is not the wavelength of the radiation source. The problem is in the fact that two transmitting wires can lay only so close to each other before the noise level becomes intolerable. This fact turned scientists to look for a new way of transmitting information. Optical information processing looks very promising as a possible replacement for the current technology.

It offers light speed information processing via a laser beam, optimizing the computational speeds. Non-linear optics provides a tool to increase the resolution by reducing the wavelength of light to a third (third harmonic generation or THG) or a half (second harmonic generation or SHG) of the input beam. Another advantage of the NLO processes is that the memory storage capacity of the material is inversely proportional to the

square of the the wavelength of the writing beam. Thus, SHG phenomena, halving the input wavelength, quadruples the storage capacity.

#### **NLO SYSTEMS**

In recent years the interest in optically non-linear (NLO) materials has been growing rapidly. This is indicated by an increasing number of symposia held on this subject every year. 1,2,3 While earlier research centered on the evaluation of single crystals of small organic mole es4 and some inorganic crystals,5,6 the utility of polymers in the molecular design of NLO systems was quickly recognized. 7,8 SHG utility of various material types can be seen in Figure 1.9,12

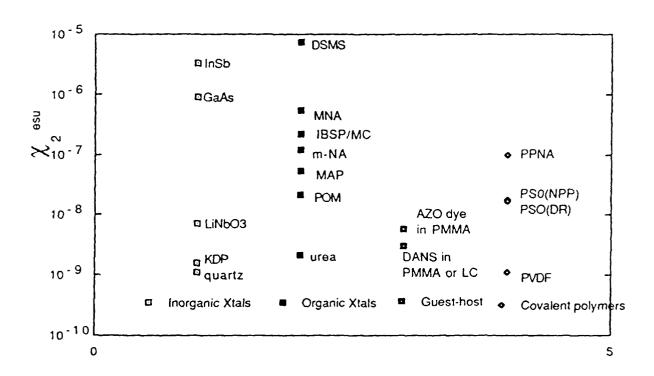


FIGURE 1: SHG COEFFICIENTS SCALE FOR SOME MATERIALS.

Some of the organic single crystals that exhibit large optical non-linearities are not useful because of their low optical damage thresholds. Typically, NLO effects take place at high laser power, which many organics cannot withstand. Processing these crystals and obtaining defect free films for device application is very difficult. It is tedious to align them precisely at the phase matching angle.

Inorganics are limited to a small subset of crystallographic classes that have no center of symmetry. Typically, the optical non-linearities from the inorganic materials are comparable to the organics, but some of the best NLO inorganics are opaque at the harmonic frequencies. Optical damage thresholds are also a major problem. Processing problems for NLO device applications are confounding.

Another class of NLO materials consists of Langmuir-Blodgett (LB) films. These are organic films carefully deposited on substrates one molecular layer at a time. LB films are designed to have a polar NLO head and a fatty acid tail. Commonly, polar substrates attract the polar head of the molecule, while the unattached nonpolar tails dangle. These systems tend to show a theoretical NLO ceiling for a particular polar group because of the carefully controlled geometry and monomolecular dimension. However, the frailty of the films limits their practical applications.

Polymers appear especially attractive as "the" materials for optical devices. They are durable and easily processed. With proper molecular engineering they can be tailored to specific optical properties. Already, polymers are employed in the optical circuits controlling airplane wing surfaces, as graded index lenses and as optical waveguide coatings. But for optical information processing, a special class of materials has yet to be developed. These substances have to act as optical switching devices, laser beam modifiers, parity checkers, and other signal processing controllers.

Two approaches to NLO polymer systems have been attempted. Earlier efforts centered on the guest/host approach, where small NLO organic molecules were imbedded in a transparent polymer matrix. These films would then be oriented and evaluated for non-linearities. 9,10,11 Quick NLO signal relaxation and limited solid solubility plagued these systems.

The second approach involved covalent bonding of the NLO species to the polymer backbone. 10,12,13 Larger active group

concentrations can be achieved without rapid signal relaxation. Dipole alignment longevity was a major influence in choosing amorphous polymers with covalently bonded pendant NLO groups as the system to be examined in the present work.

In the first chapter, material NLO requirements are presented, along with some NLO theory. Chapter 2 investigates the role of the "bridge" of 4-amino-4'-nitro diphenyl bridged compounds in their optical non-lineariarity. Chapter 3 outlines monomer preparation for NLO polyesters, described in Chapter 5, and NLO polyurethanes, detailed in Chapter 7. Chapters 4 and 6 describe attempts to synthesize polymers with more dencely packed NLO groups. Chapter 8 discusses the obtained NLO results. Finally, future research directions and possible improvements are outlined in Chapter 9.

### CHAPTER 1 THEORY OF SHG

#### NLO REQUIREMENTS

Optical non-linearity arises due to the non-vanishing  $\chi$  coefficients of non-linear terms in:

$$P = P_0 + \chi_1 E + \chi_2 E^2 + \chi_3 E^3 + ... + 1$$

where P is macroscopic polarization and E is the external electric field.<sup>14</sup> For a single molecule, **1** becomes:<sup>15</sup>

$$p = \Delta \mu = \mu_e - \mu_g = \alpha E + \beta E^2 + \gamma E^3 + ... + 2$$

Where p is the microscopic or molecular polarization,  $\mu_e$  and  $\mu_g$  are the excited and the ground dipole moment of a molecule, and  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  are the molecular analogues of  $\chi$ 's in Eqn 1.

If  $\chi_2$ , or the quadratic hyperpolarizability, is non zero, then second harmonic generation (SHG) can be observed from the material. Similarly, if  $\chi_3$  is non zero, then third harmonic generation (THG) is observed. While all materials have non-vanishing THG, three strict criteria must be met for efficient SHG:

- 1) The molecule must be easily polarizable,
- 2) Organic molecules must be conjugated.
- 3) The molecules must be non-centrosymmetric.

The third criterion must be met because when polar molecules crystallize, the oppositely charged ends tend to align. This cancels the net dipole moment of the symmetrical molecules. Non-centrosymmetric molecules have dipole moments that do not line up with the crystal axis. Therefore, there is a net dipole moment that gives rise to quadratic hyperpolarizability. 16

A classic example of this point is a comparison of 2-methyl-4-nitroaniline (MNA) and 4-nitroaniline (PNA), (Figure 2).

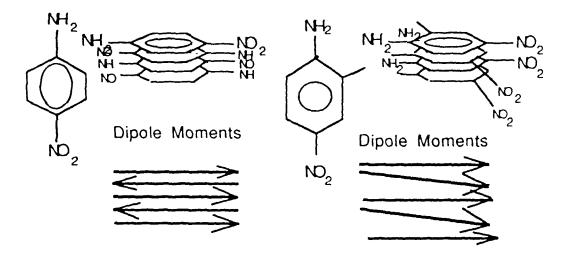


Figure 2: Centrosymmetric vs Noncentrosymmetric Crystallization

In the former, the methyl group disrupts the symmetry of the PNA and the oppositely charged molecular ends do not destructively align in the crystal as to cancel the net dipole moment. Thus, even though both molecules possess a comparably high  $\beta$  (42x10<sup>30</sup> for MNA, 35x10<sup>30</sup> for PNA),<sup>17</sup> only MNA has a non-zero macroscopic polarizability due to its noncentrosymmetric structure.

This departure from symmetry is responsible for frequency doubling during an SHG event. Lorenz model<sup>18</sup> describes the motion of an electron in a potential well under an applied electric field. The harmonic model for a centrosymmetric crystal:

$$\frac{d^2r}{dt^2} + 2y\frac{dr}{dt} + \omega_0^2 r = -\frac{e}{m}E$$

applies if the restoring force acting on the electron is linear and given by  $f = \omega_0^2 r$ , where,

- r is the displacement of the electron from its equilibrium position,
- e is the electron's charge,
- m is the electron's mass,
- $\omega_0$  is the electron's natural frequency,
- γ is the damping factor and
- E is the applied electric field.

If the electron restoring force is nonlinear and if it can be approximated by the first two terms of an infinite series:  $f = \omega_0^2 r - \xi r^2$ , then **Eqn.3** becomes:

$$\frac{d^2r}{dt^2} + 2\gamma \frac{dr}{dt} + \omega_0^2 r - \xi r^2 = -\frac{e}{m}E$$

The solution to 4 is:

$$r = -\frac{e^{2} \xi E^{2}(\omega_{i})}{m^{2}(\omega_{o}^{2} - \omega_{i}^{2})(\omega_{o}^{2} - (2\omega_{i})^{2})}$$
5

Note that the electron oscillates at twice the frequency of the applied field. The second order susceptibility (quadratic hyperpolarizability) is given by:

$$\chi_{2} = -\frac{e^{3}\zeta N}{m^{2}(\omega_{o}^{2} - \omega_{i}^{2})(\omega_{o}^{2} - (2\omega_{i})^{2})}$$

Note that there are resonances at  $\omega_o = \omega$  and  $\omega_o = 2\omega$ . Thus, the produced harmonic wave will have twice the frequency of the input fundamental. The fundamental and the harmonic wave will interfere constructively and destructively. The relative power output at each frequency can be derived as a function of the phase mismatch. 18

It is possible to obtain an optimal crystal orientation for maximum power output of the harmonic frequency when the destructive interference is minimized. SHG materials are birefringent. This fact makes it possible to obtain a propagation chaction in a crystal where the birefringence cancels the natural dispersion. This process is called phase matching. In cases of poor phase matching, the harmonic signal is so weak that it is undetectable.

The present work deals with the effect of various bridging entities between an electron donor and an electron acceptor on the molecular polarizability. A series of model compounds has been designed and prepared. Later, this work was expanded to include several types of polymers which were evaluated for SHG.

There are several techniques available for the measurement of the quadratic hyperpolarizability of materials. Among them are powder SHG,<sup>5</sup> the Maker-fringe method,<sup>6</sup> DC induced SHG,<sup>4</sup> solvatochromism<sup>20</sup> and the Kerr effect.<sup>21</sup> The powder SHG method has been used as an efficient way to screen potential SHG materials obtainable in a crystalline powder form.<sup>15</sup>

In the case of powder SHG technique, the phase matching is not necessary. The crystalline samples are ground to form a powder of uniform particle size. The individual particles are assumed to be single crystals. A pulsed Nd/YAG beam is split so that one arm is directed onto the sample, and the second arm illuminates the reference. The sample SHG signal is compared to that of the reference material, which is usually urea. Unfortunately, this method cannot be used to evaluate amorphous materials.

The Pockel's effect can be used to measure  $x_2$  according to:

$$\gamma = \Delta n/n_0^3 E_0$$
 7

where,  $\gamma$  is the Pockel's constant

 $\Delta n = n_L - n_{||}$ , the directional birefringence

 $n_{\text{O}}$  is the refractive index of unoriented material  $% \left( n_{\text{O}}\right) =0$ 

E<sub>0</sub> is the applied electric field

After the light passes the electro-optic cell, consisting of the examined material under applied voltage, it is polarized. If the electro-optic cell is placed between two polarizers, the output beam is in the form:

$$P_{\text{output}} = P_{\text{input}} \cdot \sin^2(-\pi L \gamma n_0^3 E_0/\lambda)$$

where L is the length of the electro-cpilo cold, a

$$\chi_2 = -\gamma n_0^4 / 8\pi$$

DC induced SHG has been used to measure the microscopic hyperpolarizability, or  $\beta$ , of the centrosymmetric materials in solution. Per Here, a DC electric field is applied to a solution, removing the natural center of inversion.  $\beta$  can be calculated from the induced polarization.

Solvatochromism has been applied to estimate  $\beta$  of the potential SHG materials. This technique measures the shift of the maximum of the UV-vis absorbtion peak of the molecule under study. Such absorbtion shifts,  $\Delta v$ , are observed when the sample is dissolved in a series of solvents with varying polarity:

$$\Delta v = \Delta f / (\mu_e - \mu_g)^2$$

where

$$\Delta f = (\epsilon - 1)/(2\epsilon + 1) - (n^2 - 1)(2n^2 + 1)$$
 11

and where  $\epsilon$  and n are respectively the dielectric constant and the refractive index of the solvent,  $\mu_e$  and  $\mu_g$  are respectively the excited and ground dipole moments and f is the area under the absorbtion peak, related to the transition dipole moment by:

$$f_{\approx} |\mu_{ge}|^2$$
 12

Thus,  $\beta$ , given by

$$\beta = |\mu_{ge}|^2 (\mu_e - \mu_g)/(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)(\omega_0^2 - 4\omega^2)$$
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can be easily measured

Finally, the Maker fringe technique<sup>6</sup> measures the intensity of the harmonic beam as the noncentrosymmetric sample rotates. The SHG intensity varies with angle due to the varying beam path leagter and the sample and does to the interferometry of the harmonic and the fundamental wave (See Figure 4). If the interferometry of the fringe method has been used to measure the SHG from single crystals as well as from polymeric films. It has been further applied to the measurement of SHG from the molecular monolayers

in Langmuir-Blodgett films and from the surface monolayers of centrosymmetric solutions. Because this was the technique used for the measurement of the SHG from the corona poled polymers, in the present work, a detailed description of this method is appropriate.

In a uniaxial material, the power of the harmonic beam,  $P_{2\omega}$  is given by:

$$P_{2\omega} = \frac{512\pi^{3}}{A} t_{\omega}^{4} T_{2\omega} d^{2} p^{2} P_{\omega}^{2} \frac{\sin^{2} \Psi(\theta)}{\sum_{n_{\omega} - n_{2\omega}}^{2}}$$
14

where,

A is the area of the laser beam

 $P_{\omega}$  is the power of the fundamental beam

 $n_{\omega}$  and  $n_{2\omega}$  are the refractive indexes of the material at the corresponding wavelengths

 $\theta$  is the angle of incidence of the beam

 $t_{\omega}$  and  $T_{2\omega}$  are Frensel-like transmission factors<sup>6</sup>

 $d_{xx}$  are the vector components of  $x_2$ 

p is the projection factor which depends on the form of the nonlinear tensor  $d_{xx}$  and the direction of  $P_{2\omega}$  compared with the plane of incidence

and

$$\sin^2 \Psi(\theta) = (\frac{\pi L}{\lambda})^2 \frac{(n_{\omega}^2 - n_{2\omega}^2)^2}{n_{\omega} + n_{2\omega}^2 \cdot 2\sin^2 \theta}$$
 15

where.

L is the film thickness

 $\lambda = 1.064 \mu m$ , the wavelength of the Nd/YAG laser,

for a coherence length larger than the film thickness. Simplified, the harmonic power becomes:

$$P_{2\omega} = \frac{1024\pi^{5}L^{2}p^{1} + T_{2\omega}}{A\lambda^{2}\left(n_{\omega} + n_{2\omega}^{2} - 2\sin^{2}\theta\right)} d^{2}p_{\alpha}^{2}$$
16

When a quartz reference is used in this experiment, the beam diameter and the transmission factors can be assumed to be constant for the sample and the reference. Thus, in a comparison of  $P_{2\omega}{}^{quartz}$  and  $P_{2\omega}{}^{sample}$  these factors drop out. Furthermore, for the special symmetry case of a uniaxially poled film,

$$p = (\cos^2\theta_{\omega}/3 + \sin^2\theta_{\omega})\sin\theta_{2\omega} + \cos\theta_{\omega}\sin\theta_{\omega}\cos\theta_{2\omega}$$
 17

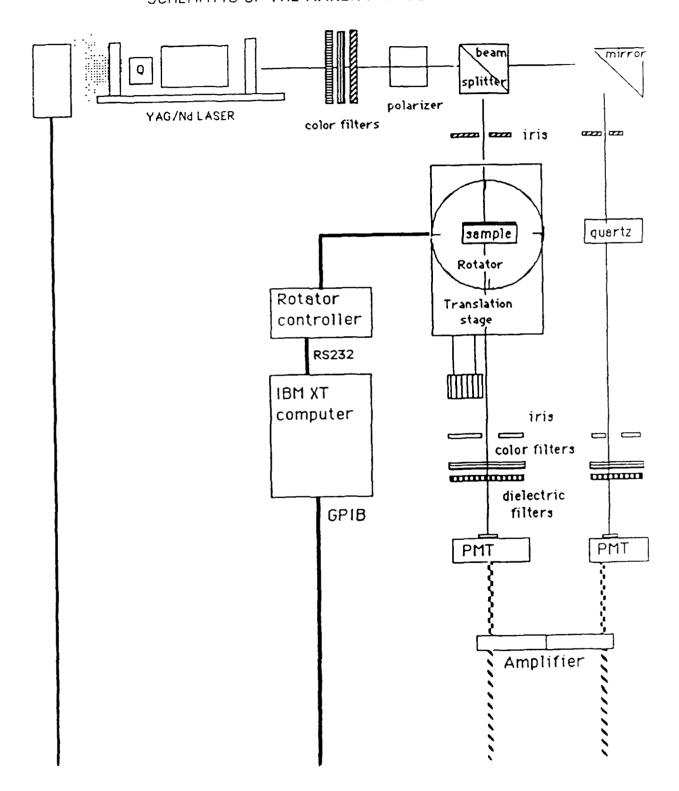
Therefore, d values can be obtained from the experiment if the refractive indeces are known for the sample at the harmonic and the fundamental wavelength.

$$d_{2\omega}^{2} = \frac{P_{2\omega}^{\text{sample}} \left( n_{\omega_{\text{quartz}}}^{2} n_{2\omega_{\text{quartz}}}^{2} \right)^{2} \left( n_{\omega_{\text{sample}}}^{2} + n_{2\omega_{\text{sample}}}^{2} - 2\sin^{2}\theta \right)}{P_{2\omega}^{\text{quartz}} d_{\text{quartz}}^{2} \sin^{2}\left(\frac{2\pi L_{\text{quartz}}}{\lambda I_{c}(\theta)}\right) 2\pi^{2} L_{\text{sample}}}$$
18

where 
$$l_c = \lambda / 4 (n_\omega - n_{2\omega})$$
 19

A typical experimental Maker fringe set up, such as the one used in the present work, is shown schematically in **Figure 3**.

FIGURE 3
SCHEMATIC OF THE MAKER FRINGE SHG EXPERIMENT



The Nd/YAG laser is Q-switched and the pulse repetition rate is controllable. The beam is passed through a series of filters, screening out any frequencies above and below the fundamental. The beam is subsequently polarized as it travels through the Glen laser polarizer. Then, the fundamental is divided by a beam splitter, where the first part of the beam is directed at the sample, while the second part of the beam passes through the reference material.

Before hitting the sample, the beam goes through an iris and a lens. The lens is mounted on a translation stage for precision focusing. The sample is mounted on an Oriel rotation stage, capable of x-y adjustments. The rotation is managed by the Oriel rotator controller, which in turn, is computer operated. After the beam passes the sample, possibly generating a harmonic beam, both beams pass through the second iris. The fundamental frequency is then screened out by a color filter. Interferometric filter, admitting only the green light with 530-540 nm wavelengths, is the final optical device prior to the photomultiplier tube.

The photomultipier tube (Hammamatsu 1P28A) is powered by 1000 volts D.C., provided by the Pacific Instruments 310 power supply. The reference beam is similarly processed, except that the reference is rigidly mounted and not rotated. The photomultiplier tubes proportionately convert the harmonic light from the reference and the sample to direct current. The currents are fed into the corresponding Stanford Instruments amplifier channels, where they are converted into D.C. voltage. The signals from the amplifier are passed to the EG&G 4100 boxcar integrator.

The boxcar integrator is triggered by the photodetector that picks up the laser pulses from the back mirror. Each trigger sets up a gate in the boxcar integrator which is aligned so that the harmonic signals from the amplifier are properly positioned inside the gate. This alignment is insured by monitoring the gate and the signals on an oscilloscope.

The boxcar integrator sends the SHG information to a computer, which is also controlling the rotation of the sample. A software program plots the angle of incidence vs the magnitude of SHG.

These plots are the typical output of a Maker fringe experiment. The  $\sin^2\theta$  angular dependence (equation 14) of the harmonic signal is seen in the plots. If the samples are

sufficiently thick (more than a coherence length), actual fringes can be observed. Since the polymeric films are thinner than the coherence length of the light employed, the SHG plots do not show fringes.<sup>6</sup> A typical  $\theta$ -plot can be seen on Figure 4.

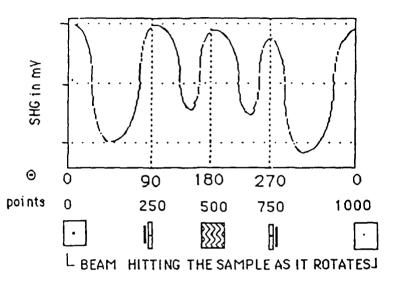


FIGURE 4: A TYPICAL MAKER FRINGE RESULT FROM A THIN POLED POLYMER

The SHG signal is maximum near 65° and not 90° as predicted by 14. This is due to the increasing reflection of the fundamental beam from the glass substrate as the angle of incidence becomes more obtuse. During a typical sample scan, depicted in Figure 4, the sample starts perpendicular to the beam, with the dipoles aligned parallel to the beam. The sample rotates 360° during the run. At  $\theta = 90$ °, the sample is parallel to the beam and the dipoles are perpendicular to the beam. At  $\theta = 180$ °, the back of the sample or the glass substrate is orthogonally facing the beam.

The reflection of the fundamental beam from the glass substrate at the high angles of incidence is also responsible for the asymmetry of the periodic sinusoidal response. Thus, because of the reflection, the harmonic signal from the incidence angles between 90° and 180°, is less than that from the 0° to 90° range.

The SHG maximum is normalized by the sample thickness when the harmonic data are compared for various samples. Ideally, d<sub>33</sub> components of  $\chi_2$  should be compared. However, the d<sub>33</sub> calculations require knowledge of the indices of refraction at the

fundamental and harmonic frequencies. For path lengths larger than the coherence length, this information can be obtained directly from the Maker fringe plot. The coherence length is the distance between the two adjacent extrema. Since the angle of incidence,  $\theta$ , and  $\lambda$  are

known, the birefringence is readily obtained from  $I_C = \lambda/4(n_\omega - n_{2\omega})$ , Equation 19.

Since the beam path length in the thin polymeric films used for SHG is typically less than the coherence length, the sample birefringence between the fundamental and the harmonic frequency must be experimentally obtained. <sup>12,23</sup> Unfortunately, such equipment was unavailable, and the thickness normalized data were used.

# CHAPTER 2 STUDY OF THE BRIDGED DIPHENYL COMPOUNDS

In the last thirty years there has been a significant number of studies of the "bridged" diphenyl compounds that are capped with an electron accepting group A on one end, and with an electron donating group D on the other (type I molecule, see Figure 5).

$$A = O_2N \longrightarrow X \longrightarrow NH_2 = D$$

FIGURE 5: TYPE I MOLECULE

More recently, SHG data interpretation once again has called upon a better understanding of the charge interactions in a type I molecule.  $^{24,25}$  Equation 13 describes the dependence of  $\beta$  on the dipole moments of the molecule.

$$\beta = |\mu_{eg}|^2 (\mu_e - \mu_g) / (\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)(\omega_0^2 - 4\omega^2)$$
 13

It is clear that the magnitude of the polarizability, which is dependent on the charge separation in the first excited state of the molecule, is ultimately responsible for the optical nonlinearity. So the length of the conjugated bridge separating the charges in the excited state and the dipoles in the ground state plays a vital role in SHG.

Figure 6 shows several polarizations possible for a Type I molecule. These chromophores have varying conjugation lengths, depending on the role of the bridging Z entity. Numerous attempts have been made to demonstrate the role of the "bridge," Z, in the long range electronic interactions between A and D.

# FIGURE 6: POSSIBLE POLARIZATIONS FOR A TYPE I MOLECULE WHEN Z = S

Investigators have used ultraviolet spectroscopy,  $^{26,27,28,29}$  dipole moment measurements,  $^{30,31}$  acid-base reaction kinetics,  $^{32}$  and nuclear magnetic resonance  $^{33}$  to characterize the different impact of heteroatoms in the Z position. It is important here to separate the studies examining the ground state interactions from those in the excited state of the molecule. The magnitude of  $\beta$  depends on the difference between the two dipole moments as can be seen from Eqn. 13.

In the 1950's, researchers looked at the ultraviolet spectra of these compounds in efforts to relate the role of the "bridge" to the energetic ease of the excited state formation. This energy is quantized and given by:

$$\Delta E_{1 \to 2} = hv = hc/\lambda$$
 20

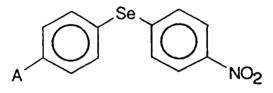
where h is Plank's constant, c is the speed of light and  $\Delta E_{1\rightarrow 2}$  gives the energy required for electronic transition from state 1 to

state 2.34 Clearly, from Eqn. 20, transitions that occur at higher wavelengths  $\lambda$ , or lower frequencies  $\nu$ , require less energy  $\Delta E$ .

Typically,  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$  and  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  transitions of conjugated molecules are studied in UV spectroscopy. Both are the transitions from the ground state to the first excited state. Modena<sup>28</sup> studied the 4-amino-4'-nitro-diphenyl selenide UV absorption spectrum and compared it to those of 3-amino-4'-nitro-diphenyl selenide and 4-amino-4'-nitro-phenyl benzyl selenides. He found that methylene linkage next to a selenide shifts  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$  transition by increasing the wavelength at which it occurs from 343 nm to 346-348 nm. Moving the amine from para to meta renders the excitation more difficult by shifting the wavelength from 343 nm to 339 nm.

Modena also looked at the acceptor A in the 4' position in a capped series of 4-nitro-diphenyl selenides. The summary of the UV spectra is shown in **Table 1**.

TABLE 1
UV spectroscopy data for



increasing e- donor ability

A	Н	ОН	OMe	NH <sub>2</sub>	NMe <sub>2</sub>	0-
$\lambda_{\text{max}(nm)}$	337	338	338	343	341-348	360-364

maxima for  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$  in nm

Modena's conclusion that "the excitation of the chromophore (XI) [Figure 7] is not significantly modified by the substituent A" is in direct opposition to his own data.

FIGURE 7: MODENA'S CHROMOPHORE XI

The wavelength of transition increases/energy decreases with increasing electron donating ability of A. According to March,  $^{43}$  this electron donating ability can be arranged as follows: -O > NMe<sub>2</sub> > NH<sub>2</sub> > OCH<sub>3</sub> > OH > H

When Modena's data are put together with Szmant and McIntosh's, <sup>35</sup> who examined the series of diphenyl compounds appearing in **Table 2**, a definite pattern emerges.

Table 2: UV spectroscopy for

Z	D = A =	NH <sub>2</sub> NO <sub>2</sub>	H NO <sub>2</sub>	NH <sub>2</sub> H	
S	SO <sub>2</sub>		261-262nm	292nm	
SO		276nm	265-267nm	276nm	
0		300nm	300-301nm	243nm	
S		343nm	338 nm	255nm	
Se		343nm	337 nm	273*nm	

Maxima locations are listed in nm. \*Here, D=N(Me)<sub>2</sub>. No data were available for D=NH<sub>2</sub>. Since data for the Se bridge were in good agreement for NH<sub>2</sub> and NMe<sub>2</sub> for various A's, the value of 273 nm was used.

The Z entities, which have been categorized as electron acceptors, such as SO and  $SO_2$ , the **Series I** molecules undergo excitation the easiest (at the longest wavelength) when diphenyl molecules are solely capped by an electron donor such as an amine. When this donor is replaced by an acceptor (4-nitro-diphenyls) the excitation becomes much more difficult energetically. If the acceptor bridge is placed between a donor and an acceptor, as in amino-nitro-diphenyls, then the nitro group hinders the interactions between the bridge and the donor, increasing the excitation energy.

When the bridge is a donor, such as oxygen, the exact opposite is observed. Amino-diphenyl-ether shows a maximum in the UV absorbtion spectrum at 243 nm. Nitro-diphenyl ether undergoes  $n\rightarrow\pi^*$  at 300-1 nm. In the cases of sulfur and selenium bridged molecules, the Z atoms interact with both donors and acceptors because the 4-amino-4'nitro diphenyl sulfides and selenides have maxima at 343 nm, while the diphenyl sulfides and selenides with only one para substituent absorb farther in the ultraviolet.

Hence, UV spectra show that all bridges examined "feel" the presence of both amine and nitro groups. But only in the cases of sulfur and selenium is the  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$  transition eased when both electron donor and acceptor are present simultaneously.

In the early 1960's, Litvinenko's group attempted to monitor the role of the bridging Z entity by examining the nucleophilicity of the amine in the series of 4-amino-4'nitro diphenyl compounds and in the 4-amino-diphenyl series.<sup>32</sup> To this end, they monitored the kinetics of the reaction of these amines with picryl chloride and with nitrobenzoyl chloride. Activation energies and speeds of the reactions were measured and are listed in **Table 3** for a series of ethers, sulfides, selenides, amines, methanes, ethanes, vinyls, acetylenes and biphenyls.

TABLE 3

ACTIVATION ENERGIES FOR NUCLEOPHILIC AROMATIC SUBSTITUTION REACTIONS OF

$$O_2N - O_2 + H_2N - O_2 - A$$
 $O_2N - O_2 + O_2 - A$ 

(in cal/mol)										
A, 2	CH <sub>2</sub>	(CH2) <sub>2</sub>	NH2	0	C=C	0	Ø	C≡C	Se	s
NO <sub>2</sub>	7650	8000	8700	9100	9700	9700	1000	10600	12100	12400
н	7000	7900	7300	8400	9800	8400	8800	10300	9300	10100

As expected from the UV data, the nitro- substituted diphenyl sulfides reacted the slowest, requiring the largest

activation energies and producing the slowest rate constants. Selenides were a close second worst. The rest of the bridges are arranged below in increasing nucleophilicity of the amine/decreasing transmission through the bridge:

→ increasing nucleophilicity →

← increasing bridge interaction ←

Note here that both UV spectroscopy and amine nucleophilicity studies agree on the simultaneous donor and acceptor interaction ability of the bridge in order of S>Se>O heteroatoms in the Z position.

Litvinenko's group<sup>30</sup> also examined the role of the Z moiety by the difference between the calculated and the observed dipole moment of type I molecules. Another work, also approached the "Z question" via dipole moment studies but with a slightly different twist. Baliah<sup>31</sup> looked at amino diphenyl ether and found that the dipole moment predicted by the vector sum of the freely rotating, non-interacting functional component dipole moments agreed well with experimental measurements.

However, when the 4'-nitro group was added to form 4-amino-4'-nitro diphenyl ether (ANDE), the experimentally measured dipole moment deviated a bit more from that predicted from the non-interacting theoretical model. The experimental dipole moment was greater than the sum of its parts, indicating interaction by the nitro group through the oxygen's p orbitals.

This interaction is much more pronounced in case of aminodiphenyl sulfide. The observed dipole moment exceeded the non-interacting theoretical model by 0.42 Debye units. It deviated even further (0.67 D) in the case of ANDS. This shows resonance interaction with the sulfur, not only by the amine, but also by the nitro group.

Litvinenko et al<sup>30</sup> give more detailed data for the dipole moments of 4-amino-4'-nitro diphenyl methane (ANDM) and ANDE, and

calculated the dipole moments for the corresponding "half-molecules." They chose p-aminothiophenol and methyl 4-nitrophenyl sulfide for ANDS and p-nitrotoluene and p- methyl aniline for ANDM. The deviations between the model and experiment are shown in **Table 4**.

TABLE 4

CALCULATED AND EXPERIMENTAL DIPOLE MOMENTS (in Debye units)

X	Z	μcalculated	μmeasured	Δm
NO <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub>	4.38	4.44	0.06
NH <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub>	1.26	1.32	0.06
NO <sub>2</sub>	S	3.25	3.77	0.52
NH <sub>2</sub>	SCH <sub>2</sub>	1.76	2.50	0.74

The deviations were small for the ANDM components and appreciable for ANDS. When the dipole moments of the ANDS and ANDM were measured, they were compared to the sum of the two half-molecules' measured dipole moments. In other words, the noninteracting functional group model was applied to the two half molecules; interactions were allowed within each half, but not between the halves. The positive deviation in **Table 5** for the whole molecule from the sum of the halves indicates interactions through the bridge between the donor and the acceptor.

TABLE 5

CALCULATED AND EXPERIMENTAL DIPOLE MOMENTS (in Debye units)

#### **MOLECULES DEVIATION SUM"**

Z	μcalculated	μmeasured	Δμ	$\Sigma \Delta_{1/2}$
CH2	4.52	4.91	0.39	0.12
S	4.08	5.82	1.74	1.26

Moreover, the  $\Delta\mu=\mu_{e}$  -  $\mu_{\left(1/2+1/2\right)}$  significantly exceeded the sum of deviations of the two halves from the theory. This means that the donor-acceptor interactions through the bridge are significantly higher than the sum of the bridge to donor and bridge to acceptor

interactions. The authors rated the bridge efficiency for such interactions as S>O>CH<sub>2</sub>.

Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) is another useful tool for examining the series I type of molecules. Each para disubstituted phenyl ring has two pairs of NMR non-equivalent protons that produce a quartet of peaks. Paranitrobenzenes yield a quartet with very different NMR chemical shifts and coupling constants from the paraaniline ring quartets (See Figure 8).

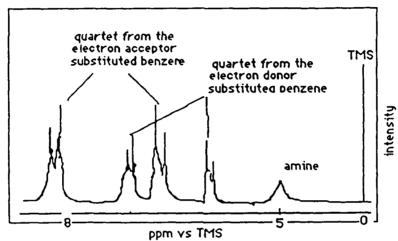


FIGURE 8: TYPICAL NMR SPECTRUM OF A SERIES I MOLECULE

This reflects the fact that NMR is extremely sensitive to the electron density around the proton. Electron withdrawing groups effectively reduce the electron density on the phenyl ring and "move" the signal downfield. Electron acceptors have the opposite impact.

Hyne and Greidanus<sup>33</sup> analyzed NMR spectra of series I molecules and compared them to the component "half molecule" spectra. These "half molecules" were very similar to those in the dipole moment study: X-Ph-Z-CH<sub>3</sub>. Here X is either A or D in our notation, and Z is the familiar bridging entity. The authors measured the centers of quartets in all of these molecules. If the Z in is an electron insulator, then the quartets for the phenyl rings should appear at the same frequency as those in the parent "half molecules." This is because the "half molecules" have only one "cap," either A or D, and cannot "feel" the electron push or pull of the other "cap." If the full Series I molecule behaves the same

way, then Z is an insulator and the nitro group does not "feel" the amine and visa versa.

Hyne and Greidanus looked at methyl, sulfone, sulfoxide, oxygen and sulfur bridged compounds. Their findings are summarized in **Table 6.** 

TABLE 6

NMR SHIFTS (in c.p.s.) IN CENTERS OF A AND D NMR QUARTETS OF

RING ↓ Z→	CH <sub>2</sub>	SO	SO <sub>2</sub>	0	S
Α	1.2	2.4	-0.6	-7.3	-8.0
D	2.1	5.5	7.5	2.2	7.6

Clearly, the trend is -S- > -O- > -OSO-  $\approx$  -SO- > -HCH-. The authors discounted all shifts less than 2 c.p.s. because these are attributable to the phenyl-bridge inductive interactions.

Very recently, ANDS has been examined for its NLO properties. 24,36 Cowan<sup>25</sup> and coworkers measured SHG signal from ANDS powder and compared the magnitude of the harmonic signal to that of urea. The results showed an SHG signal comparable to that MNA, one of the best SHG materials known. This prompted the authors to examine closely the crystalline structure of ANDS by X-ray diffraction. It was found that the two phenyl rings are orthogonal to one another and that the sulfur bond angle is 104 degrees. There was also an intermolecular contact between the amine of one molecule and the nitro group of another, suggesting hydrogen bonding.

According to the paper it is this hydrogen bonding that forces achiral molecules of ANDS to crystallize in a noncentrosymmetric fashion. The authors use the orthogonality of the phenyl ring to rule out any intramolecular charge transfer between the amine and the nitro ends. They conclude that electron transfer from the sulfur donor through the phenyl to the nitro acceptor is responsible for the SHG.

This is in sharp contrast to the previous studies that utilized NMR, UV, dipole moment and basicity of the amine to demonstrate significant "through sulfur" interaction between the amine and the nitro group in ANDS. If interaction is possible between the orthogonal phenyl rings, then the apparent discrepancy between Cowan's study and prior art can be resolved, since Cowan's argument is solely based on the assumption that the electron transfer is not possible between the mutually orthogonal benzene rings.

Interestingly, this point has been addressed by Mangini as an "apropos" comment in his 1963 paper.  $^{37}$  "It is noteworthy that the twisting of the two rings in the former compound [ANDS] ought not to matter for structures (2) [NH<sub>2</sub>->S transmission] and (3) [NH<sub>2</sub> $\rightarrow$ NO<sub>2</sub> transmission] since an appropriate combination of d orbitals, which can interact with the  $\pi$ -system of benzene, always exists. In fact an investigation on the dibenzothiophene series - where the planarity of the aromatic system insured - shows that the situation appears to be identical with the previous one [that of ANDS]".

Poly(phenylene sulfide) has sulfur connected phenyl rings that are almost orthogonal. Recent work<sup>38</sup> with PPS implies "that the sulfur atoms play an important role in connecting the conjugated systems of consecutive phenyl rings." Moreover, CNDO/S3 calculations on poly(phenylene oxide) suggest that oxygen provides electronic "connectivity" between adjacent phenyls. <sup>39</sup>

In summary, the literature shows that sulfur plays an important role in donor/acceptor interactions in ANDS. Electron donors and acceptors are able to "feel" each other's presence in diphenyl compounds with judicious choice of the bridge. Cowan's conclusions seem to diverge from the body of the earlier work and a more detailed study involving SHG is in order.

#### **EXPERIMENTAL**

ANDS

The 4-amino-4'nitro-diphenyl ethers<sup>40</sup>, sulfides,<sup>41,42</sup> methanes,<sup>43,44</sup> sulfoxides,<sup>45</sup> and sulfones<sup>46</sup> were synthesized as described earlier. <sup>33</sup> The synthesis of ANDS is as follows: 15.716g (0.1m) of p-chloronitrobenzene (Aldrich) and 60.045g (0.25m) of sodium disulfide (Na<sub>2</sub>S\*9H<sub>2</sub>O, Aldrich) were refluxed in 200 ml of water for 8 hours. An additional 15.716g (0.1m) of p-chloronitrobenzene was added and refluxed for 8 more hours. The reaction flask was steam distilled with 100 ml of water and the red reaction precipitate,  $T_m=145^{\circ}\text{C}$ , was recrystallized from ethanol. This reaction proceeds according to:

$$4Cl-Ph-NO_2 + 10Na_2S + 7H_2O \rightarrow$$
  
→  $20Na^+ + 4^-S-C_6H_4-NH_2 + 6^-OH + 4Cl^- + 3=S_2O_3$  21

The p-amino-thiophenoxide anion formed in Eqn. 21 nucleophilically attacks the second equivalent of p-chloronitrobenzene that is added during the second stage of the reaction to give the desired ANDS.

This synthetic route was originally used by Lantz, 42 U.S. Patent #1,965,776, and combines nucleophilic aromatic substitution (NAS) with Zinin reduction 47 in a single stage reaction. Sulfur nucleophilically displaces the chlorine, which is activated by the nitro group in the paraposition, and then the slower sulfur reduction of the nitro group proceeds. Water acts as the proton source for the reduction.

Immediately upon introducing of the reactants, the mixture starts turning bright red, indicating the onset of NAS. P-nitrothiophenoxide ion is bright yellow; sulfur acts as an electron donor and the nitro group is the acceptor. This chromophore absorbs in the yellow region near 350 nm. As the reduction progresses, the solution becomes aminothiophenoxide (colorless)-rich and the solution color fades. After eight hours the conversion is essentially complete; and another mole of p-chloronitrobenzene is added. ANDS begins precipitating almost immediately; and after an additional eight hours refluxing in water, the reaction is complete. The reaction products are steam distilled then and allowed to cool. The precipitate is recrystallized from ethanol. Almost theoretical yields can be attained.

The 4-amino-4'-nitro-diphenyl sulfone, 4-amino-4'-nitro-diphenyl sulfoxide, 4-amino-4'-nitro-diphenyl ether, 4-amino-4'-nitro-diphenyl methane were also prepared according to the procedures described elsewhere.33,40-46

#### **RESULTS**

The structures of the bridged compounds was confirmed by elemental analysis, NMR and comparison of the melting points with those found in literature. **Table 7** summarizes the elemental analysis results:

TABLE 7
ELEMENTAL ANALYSIS RESULTS FOR THE
H<sub>2</sub>N-O-Z-O-NO<sub>2</sub> SERIES MOLECULES

Z=		S	SO		SO OSO		0		HCH	
Tm =	149	5°C	130-131°C   170-171°(		71°C	133°C		98°C		
Elem.	theor	found	theor	found	theor	found	theor	found	theor	found
%C	58.52	58.24	54.95	53.29	51.79	51.48	62.61	62.70	68.41	68.10
%H	4.09	4.08	3.84	3.71	3.62	3.45	4.38	4.26	5.30	5.15
%N	11.37	11.17	19.68	10.17	10.07	9.97	12.17	12.15	12.27	12.30
%O	13.12	12.99	18.30	19.47	23.00	23.92	20.85	20.89	14.02	14.45
%S	13.27	13.02	12.22	12.05	11.52	11.18				

**Table 8** lists the assignments for the nuclear magnetic resonance peaks of the bridged compounds, obtained on a 270 MHz machine. CDCl<sub>3</sub> was used as a solvent and TMS as a reference in all cases. For the doublet peaks, the center value is listed.

TABLE 8

NMR PEAK ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE

Peak locations in ppm.

Assign Z=	S	0	SO	SO <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub>
а	8.026	8.164	8.239	8.298	8.105
b	7.084	6.951	7.760	8.060	6.943
С	7.333	6.895	7.400	7.709	7.299
d	6.632	6.742	6.722	6.683	6.683
NH <sub>2</sub>	3.959	3.705	4.147	4.321	3.565

Another interesting way to analyze the NMR data was recently outlined.<sup>48</sup> Here, the author plotted the Hammett Constants for the CH<sub>3</sub>-Z-Ph-NO<sub>2</sub> series molecules vs the location of the d peak, which is ortho to the amine, in the p-amino-p'-nitro diphenyl compounds (see Figure 9).

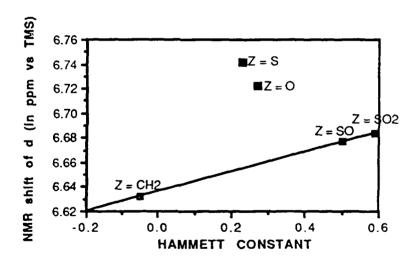


FIGURE 9: NMR SHIFTS FOR THE PROTON ORTHO TO THE AMINE

For  $Z = CH_2$ , SO, or SO<sub>2</sub> the chemical shifts of d proton vs the Hammett Constants form a straight line, defining the minimal electronic interaction across the bridge. However, for Z = O or Z = S, a significant deviation from the "zero interaction line" is seen.

This suggests bridge participation between the amine and the nitro in the sulfide and in the ether.

SHG of the bridged compounds was evaluated by powder SHG and also by solvatochromism. Powder SHG measurements were performed at RPI by Wnek,<sup>49</sup> using the powder method outlined in Chapter 1. Solvatochromic measurements were obtained from dilute solutions of the ANDS, ANDE and ANDM.<sup>50</sup> The powder SHG results are listed below.

TABLE 9
POWDER SHG RESULTS FOR

Z =	SHG EFFICIENCY (x UREA SHG)		
S	10-20		
CH <sub>2</sub>	0-9, depending on structure		
SO	2.1		
SO <sub>2</sub>	0.00064		
0	0.0023		

As Cowan<sup>25</sup> observed, the high SHG efficiency of ANDS can be attributed to the preferentially-directed stacking of the dipoles which is insured by hydrogen bonding. Crystal structures of the ANDM and of the ANDS are somewhat similar.<sup>49</sup> Crystal structures of the ether, of the sulfone and of the sulfoxide have not been investigated.

To show conclusively what gives rise to SHG in ANDS is more difficult than analyzing the "half molecules" for SHG. Molecules must crystallize in a noncentrosymmetric pattern and that is not trivial to insure. Powder SHG is a macromolecular optical nonlinearity measurement, where the crystalline arrangement of the molecules plays a vital role in the magnitude of the harmonic signal from the powder aggregate. This added complication hampers the quantitative evaluation of SHG from the Type I molecules via the powder method.

Microscopic polarizability  $(\beta)$  is not dependent on the centrosymmetry.  $\beta$  comparisons for a series of molecules can be

modeled with the aid of solvatochromism of these molecules in the ultraviolet range. Equation 13 shows that the solvent dependence of the  $n \rightarrow pi^*$  transition is closely related to  $\beta$ . Table 10 shows the absorbtion maxima of the Type I molecules in various solvents. The magnitude of the  $\Delta v$  for solvents of different polarity gives a quantitative "feel" for the hyperpolarizability of each molecule.

TABLE 10
Relationship between Δv vs CHCl<sub>3</sub> (in nm) and β for Some Molecules

SOLVENT Z =	-S-	-O-	-CH2-	PNA
CH <sub>3</sub> OH	-7.5	-1.5	-1.0	24
EtOH	-9.0	-6.0	-2.0	32.5
EtOH*HCI	-21	-2.0	-2.0	32.5
β *10 <sup>30</sup> esu	27	15		35

Clearly, the largest solvatochromism is exhibited by PNA and ANDS. Unlike in powder SHG, hydrogen bonding and preferential crystalline orientation are not relevant in solvatochromism. Therefore, ANDS' largest  $\beta$  among the **Series I** molecules shows the significance of the sulfur link in the bridged compounds for SHG. Regardless of whether  $S\rightarrow NO_2$  or  $NH_2\rightarrow NO_2$  excitation takes place in ANDS during the NLO event, these data show the utility of an ANDS type pendant group in the polymers that were prepared in Chapters 5 and 7 for second harmonic generation.

Recent low temperature fluorescence work with ANDS at  $JPL^{50}$  shows that the excited state is dominated by the amino $\rightarrow$ nitro transition, while in the ground state, the  $NH_2\rightarrow NO_2$  effect is virtually absent. This was concluded because the transition peak was only slightly affected when hydrochloric acid was added to the ANDS solution. It was concluded that the excited state probably does not get populated fast enough in a "picosecond NLO event", so the SHG response must be dominated by the  $S\rightarrow NO_2$  polarization in ANDS.

Several additional compounds have been synthesized to elucidate further the role of sulfur in the second harmonic response of ANDS. They are:

- A, N,N dimethyl-4-amino-4'-nitro diphenyl sulfide, prepared by Kitipichi at RPI by the electrophilic attack of 4-nitrobenzenesulfenyl chloride on the para position in N,N dimethyl aniline. <sup>50</sup> The structure of A appears in Table 11.
- **B**, 2,2' dimethyl-4-amino-4'-nitro diphenyl sulfide was synthesized by adding 5 grams (0.03223 moles) of 2-flouro-5-nitro-toluene (Aldrich) to an aqueous solution of 19.353 grams (0.0805 moles) of Na<sub>2</sub>S\*9H<sub>2</sub>O and refluxing the mixture for 24 hours. Then, an additional 5 grams (0.03223 moles) of 2-flouro-5-nitro-toluene (Aldrich) were added and refluxing was continued for another 20 hours. The solution was steam distilled and cooled. Red precipitate was recrystallized from ethanol to obtain the pure product melting at 126 127°C in 90% yield. 100 MHz NMR spectrum of **B** dissolved in deutorated DMSO, with TMS added as a reference, appears in **Figure 10**. The structure of **B** appears in **Table 11**. The NMR peak assignments are shown in **Table 12**.
- C, 2-methyl-4-amino-4'-nitro diphenyl sulfide was prepared by adding 1.551 grams (0.01 mole) of 2-flouro-5-nitro-toluene (Aldrich) to aqueous solution of 6.005 grams (0.025moles) of Na<sub>2</sub>S\*9H<sub>2</sub>O and refluxing the mixture for 24 hours. Then, an additional 1.576 grams (0.01 mole) of p-chloronitrobenzene (Aldrich) were added and refluxing was continued for another 20 hours. The solution was steam distilled and cooled. Red precipitate was recrystallized from ethanol to obtain the pure product melting at 124.5 125°C in 70% yield. 100 MHz NMR spectrum of C dissolved in deutorated DMSO, with TMS added as a reference, appears in Figure 11. The structure of C appears in Table 11. The NMR peak assignments are shown in Table 12.
- 2'-methyl-4-amino-4'-nitro diphenyl sulfide prepared by adding 1.576 grams (0.01 mole) of chloronitrobenzene (Aldrich) to an aqueous solution of 6.005 grams (0.025moles) of Na<sub>2</sub>S\*9H<sub>2</sub>O and refluxing the mixture for 24 hours. Then, an additional 1.551 grams (0.01 mole) of 2-flouro-5-nitro-toluene (Aldrich) were added and refluxing was continued for another 20 hours. The solution was steam distilled and cooled. Red precipitate was recrystallized from ethanol to obtain the pure product melting at 123°C in 89% yield. 100 MHz NMR spectrum of D dissolved in deutorated DMSO, with TMS added as a reference, appears in Figure 12. The structure of D appears in Table 11. The NMR peak assignments are shown in Table 12.
- E, 2-amino-7-nitro-dibenzothiophene was prepared according to a procedure described elsewhere<sup>51,52</sup>. However, the recrystallization from ethanol afforded the product melting at

- 205 206°C, which is 24°C higher than the previously reported melting point. Elemental analysis results are: calculated: C 59.01%, H 3.30%, N 11.47%, O 13.10%, S 13.13; found: C 58.52%, H 3.17%, N 11.37%, O (by difference)13.48, S13.46%. Elemental analysis and NMR, shown in **Figure 13** confirm the proposed structure. The structure of **E** appears in **Table 11**. NMR peak assignments can be found in **Table 12**.
- F, 4-hydroxy-4'-nitro diphenyl sulfide was prepared by the dissolution of 1.262 grams (0.01 mole) of p-hydroxythiophenol (Aldrich) with 1.122 grams (0.02 moles) of KOH (Aldrich) water. 1.576 grams (0.01 mole) of p-chloronitrobenzene were added to the solution and the reaction was allowed to take place at room temperature for 7 hours. The cherry red solution colored bright vellow - orange when it was acidified with dilute HCI and precipitate began forming. Methylene chloride was added and the mixture was stirred and allowed to separate overnight. Red oil gathered in the bottom organic layer, while the aqueous layer afforded brownish-yellow needles, which were filtered hot in CHCl<sub>3</sub> and recrystallized from the benzene to yield the product melting at 154°C. 100 MHz NMR spectrum of F dissolved in deutorated DMSO, with TMS added as a reference appears in Figure 14. The structure of F appears in Table 11. The NMR peak assignments are shown in Table 12.
- G, 4-chloro-4'-nitro diphenyl sulfide was prepared according to a procedure described elsewhere<sup>31,33</sup>. 100 MHz NMR spectrum of G, dissolved in deutorated DMSO, with TMS added as a reference, appears in Figure 15. The structure of G appears in Table 11. Assignments are listed in Table 12.
- A, F, and G were prepared to see the effect of various electron donors in nitro diphenyl sulfides on b. B, C, D, and E were prepared to illustrate various sterric effects on SHG in amino nitro diphenyl sulfides. In planar E, the planarity of the rings is insured, while in C, D, and B, various degrees of steric hindrance is provided to keep the phenyl rings staggered.

**TABLE 11: DIPHENYL DERIVATIVES** 

<del></del>	TABLE II. DIFFICIATE DE	, <u></u>
COMPOUND	STRUCTURE	NAME
A	O <sub>2</sub> N O S O N	N,N dimethyl-4-amino-4'- nitro diphenyl sulfide
В	O <sub>2</sub> N O S O NH <sub>2</sub>	2,2' dimethyl-4-amino- 4'-nitro diphenyl sulfide
С	O <sub>2</sub> N O S O NH <sub>2</sub>	2-methyl-4-amino-4'- nitro diphenyl sulfide
D	O <sub>2</sub> N O S O NH <sub>2</sub>	2'-methyl-4-amino-4'- nitro diphenyl sulfide
E	O <sub>2</sub> N O S O NH <sub>2</sub>	2-amino-7-nitro- dibenzothiophene
F	O <sub>2</sub> N O S O OH	4-hydroxy-4'-nitro- diphenyl sulfide
G	O <sub>2</sub> N O S O CI	4-chloro-4'-nitro diphenyl sulfide

# TABLE 12 NMR PEAK ASSIGNMENTS FOR

$$O_2N \xrightarrow{d} C \xrightarrow{f} C \xrightarrow{f} R_2$$

ASSIGN	В	С	D	E	F	G
R1	CH <sub>3</sub>	Н	CH3	R1=R2=H	Н	Н
R2	CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>	Н	R1=R2=H	Н	Н
R3	NH <sub>2</sub>	NH <sub>2</sub>	NH <sub>2</sub>	NH <sub>2</sub>	ОН	Cl
a	8.04-8.05	8.08-8.11	8.03-8.04	8.18 <u>-</u> 8.28	8.02-8.07	8.13-8.19
b	7.87-7.92	8.08-8.11	7.89-7.91	8.91-8.92	8.02-8.07	8.13-8.19
С	7.19-7.22	7.08-7.11	under g,h	•	7.07-7.12	7.33-7.39
d	Me@2.425	7.08-7.11	Me@3.41	under a	7.07-7.12	7.33-7.39
е	6.70-6.71	7.20-7.23	7.20-7.22	-	7.42-7.48	7.54-7.64
f	Me@2.155	Me@2.164	7.20-7.22	7.71-7.74	7.42-7.48	7.54-7.64
g	6.60-6.62	6.6529	6. <mark>72-6.74</mark>	6.94-6.98	6.92-6.98	7.54-7.64
h	6.57-6.59	6.6428	6.72-6.74	7.61-7.62	6.92-6.98	7.54-7.64
R3	5.6688	5.6540	5.7172	5.4081	5.4829	-
solvent	2.58	2.58	2.35-2.39	2.51-2.52	7.2628	2.0582

The UV spectroscopy study $^{26,27}$  for a series of electron donors in the 4 position of the 4-donor-4'-nitro diphenyl sulfides appears in the **Table 13** below. This table mirrors Modena's study of selenides, summarized in **Table 1**.

## TABLE 13

LOCATION (nm) OF THE UV MAXIMA OF

N(Me) <sub>2</sub>	NH <sub>2</sub>	NHAc	Me	Н	CI		Br
342	341.5	339	339	337	336	336	334

Since the position 4 substituents are listed in the order of increasing electron donor ability from right to left, the trend is clearly visible. It is to ease the electronic  $S \rightarrow NO_2$  transition, with increasingly electron rich substituents, as indicated by higher  $\lambda_{max}$  locations.

Similar results are seen in the solvatochromic data. **Table** 14 lists the solvatochromic effects for **ANDS**, **B**, **D** and **E**. If Cowan's orthogonality argument is true, then solvatochromic effects should be the largest for the planar **E**, and the smallest for sterically staggered **B**. In reality, the opposite is observed.

TABLE 14
SOLVATOCHROMISM (in nm vs CHCl<sub>3</sub>) OF
4-DONOR-4'-NITRO DIPHENYL SULFIDES

solvent cmd	ANDS	<b>B</b> dimethyl	D methyl	E planar
CHCl <sub>3</sub>	350.5	354	332.75	326
MeOH	-7.5	-9.0	11.25	-3.75
EtOH	-9.0	-9.0	-0.5	-2.25
EtOH*HCI	-21.0	-23.0	n/a	+2.5

In summary, it is interesting to point out that all of the studies of the excited state of ANDS indicate the amine  $\rightarrow$  nitro electronic transition. Of the ground state studies, the amine nuleophilicity, NMR, and ground state dipole moment phenomena dictate "through the bridge" interactions, while the low temperature fluorescence data shows only weak amino effect. Finally, among the NLO data, solvatochromic data indicate a weak amine effect, while Cowan's conclusion of S $\rightarrow$ NO $_2$  can be dismissed because it was solely based on the orthogonality of the rings and tetrahedral geometry at sulfur argument. A reasonable conclusion is that amine does contribute somewhat to the SHG of ANDS and its contribution is best represented by the inductive effect:

A full  $NH_2 \rightarrow NO_2$ 

intramolecular electronic transition most likely does not occur during an SHG event. Nonetheless, a limited amine participation in the sulfur to nitro polarization is indicated by all ground and excited state of ANDS investigations.

# CHAPTER 3 ALCOHOL MONOMERS

Diols I - IV and tetrol V (Figure 16, below) were designed to covalently incorporate either a nitroaniline derivative or a aminonitrodiphenyl sulfide group into a polymer chain. The nitroaniline entity in I and II was chosen to mimic MNA SHG response. 4,10,15 Molecular design of the sulfides III and IV was based on the ANDS structure. These functionalities were chosen for their excellent SHG characteristics. 24,25,36

FIGURE 16: VARIOUS ALCOHOLS FOR POLYMERIZATION

#### **EXPERIMENTAL**

Diol I was prepared according to a modified procedure described elsewhere.  $^{13}$  31.51 grams (0.2 moles) of p-chloronitrobenzene (CNB, Aldrich) and 42.06 grams (0.4 moles) of N,N diethanol amine (Aldrich) were heated at 115°C for 24 hours. The mixture was then steam distilled to remove the unreacted CNB. When removal of CNB was complete, the reaction mixture in water was allowed to cool to room temperature, recrystallizing crude I. Crude product was dried overnight at room temperature and recrystallized from CHCl3. Yield=33%;  $T_m = 106$ °C. A dilute chloroform solution of I was passed through a silica gel permeation column. Only one peak, corresponding to I, was detected during a 15 minute elution time.

NMR (Figure 18) and elemental analysis confirmed the diol structure. Its summary is listed in Table 15. A detailed discussion of the structure proof appeared earlier. 13

Diol II was prepared similarly to I. 20.26 grams (0.1 moles) of 1-chloro-2,4-dinitrobenzene (Aldrich) and 21.03 grams (0.2 moles) of N,N diethanol amine (Aldrich) were heated at 70°C - 80°C for 17 hours. The mixture was recrystallized from ca. 400

ml of water. For optimal yield, the solution was refrigerated. 22 grams (81% yield) of the dry yellow product, melting at 93°C, were collected by filtration. Subsequent recrystallization from chloroform raised  $T_m$  to 99 -100°C. Dilute chloroform solution of II was passed through a silica gel permeation column. Only one peak, corresponding to II, was detected during a 15 minute elution time.

100 MHz NMR was performed on a deuterated (d<sub>6</sub>) dimethyl sulfoxide solution of the yellow product, with tetramethyl silane as a reference. The spectrum appears on **Figure 19**, and the peaks are assigned in **Table 16**. The diol was submitted to Desert Analytics for the elemental analysis.

Diol III was prepared by stirring 4.741 grams (0.025 moles) of 4-nitrobenzenesulfenyl chloride (Aldrich) with 4.531 grams (0.025 moles) of N-phenyldiethanolamine (Aldrich) in 100 ml of methylene chloride for 24 hours in the darkened container at room temperature. 7.856 grams of greyish green precipitate (85% yield) were collected. This hydrochloride salt precipitate was washed for 24 hours in concentrated aqueous NaOH solution at room temperature. A crude yellow free amine was recrystallized from CHCl<sub>3</sub> to afford clean III, melting at 103 -104°C.

Dilute chloroform solution of III was passed through a silica gel permeation column. Only one peak, corresponding to III, was detected during a 15 minute elution time.

A 100 MHz NMR was performed on a deuterated ( $d_6$ ) dimethyl sulfoxide solution of the yellow product, with tetramethyl silane as a reference. The spectrum appears on **Figure 20**, and the peaks are assigned in **Table 16**. The diol was submitted to Desert Analytics for the elemental analysis.

Diol IV was synthesized similarly to III. 5.866 grams (0.025 moles) of 2,4 dinitrobenzenesufenyl chloride (Aldrich) and 4.531 grams (0.025 moles) of N-phenyldiethanolamine (Aldrich) were stirred in 100 ml of CHCl<sub>3</sub> in a darkened container at room temperature for 19 hours. 9.0 grams of crude greyish-beige hydrochloride salt precipitate (yield = 95%) were stirred in a concentrated aqueous KOH solution for 12 hours. Blood red precipitate was collected. Clean IV was obtained by recrystallization of the precipitate from CHCl<sub>3</sub>. Tm = 152°C.

Dilute chloroform solution of IV was passed through a silica gel permeation column. Only one peak, corresponding to IV, was detected during a 15 minute elution time .

A 100 MHz NMR was performed on a deuterated ( $d_6$ ) dimethyl sulfoxide solution of the red product, with tetramethyl silane as a reference. The spectrum appears on **Figure 21**, and the peaks are assigned in **Table 16**. The diol was submitted to Desert Analytics for the elemental analysis.

Tetrol V was obtained from refluxing a mixture of 3.723 grams (0.0157 moles) of 1,3-dichloro-4,6-dinitrobenzene (Chapter 6) and 3.3 grams (0.0314 moles) of diethanol amine (Aldrich) in triethyl amine for 40 hours. The mixture separated into a red oil bottom layer and a yellow solution. The yellow solution was decanted and allowed to cool to room temperature with virtually no precipitate.

The red oil was repeatedly recrystallized from CHCl $_3$  until the melting point reached 123°C. The dilute chloroform solution of  $\bf V$  was passed through a silica gel permeation column. Only one peak, corresponding to  $\bf V$ , was detected during a 15 minute elution time.

100 MHz NMR was performed on a deuterated (d<sub>6</sub>) dimethyl sulfoxide solution of the red product, with tetramethyl silane as a reference. The spectrum appears on **Figure 22**, and the peaks are assigned in **Table 15**. The tetrol was submitted to Desert Analytics for the elemental analysis.

#### DISCUSSION

Steam distillation, used to purify I, is a well established procedure in organic chemistry. It is used to remove water insoluble solids with fairly high vapor pressures.<sup>53</sup> It dramatically improves the yield (up to 284%!). This procedure is certainly less tedious and safer than the one used earlier. <sup>13</sup>

Several other routes to synthesizing III and IV have been proposed. The first involved nucleophilic aromatic substitution of the chlorine in the 4-chloro-4'-nitro diphenyl sulfide by the diethanol amine. It was presumed that the nitro group is able to activate the chlorine through the sulfur. However, as predicted by Hyne and Greidanus<sup>33</sup> for such interaction, both a good electron donor and a good electron acceptor are needed. Chlorine is not good enough of an electron donor to be activated for NAS. As a result, in this reaction, p-chlorothiophenol was the leaving group and the main product was I, see Figure 17, below:

#### FIGURE 17

$$O_2N$$
  $O_1$   $O_2$   $O_2$   $O_3$   $O_4$   $O_4$   $O_4$   $O_5$   $O_4$   $O_5$   $O_5$   $O_6$   $O_7$   $O_8$   $O_8$   $O_8$   $O_9$   $O_9$ 

# REACTION OF p-CHLORONITRODIPHENYL SULFIDE WITH DIETHANOL AMINE

N-alkylation of the 4-amino-4'-nitro diphenyl sulfide with 2 equivalents of 2-bromoethanol was not attempted. As discussed in chapter 2, a great body of evidence exists that suggests delocalization of the amine lone pair electrons either by induction or by the remote nitro group. This would greatly deactivate the nucleophilicity of the amine, as seen from Litvinenko's work.<sup>3 2</sup> Thus, electrophilic aromatic substitution routes were chosen.

Elemental analysis results are summarized in **Table 15** below.

TABLE 15
SYNOPSIS OF THE ELEMENTAL ANALYSIS
RESULTS FOR ALCOHOLS

Alcohol	1	];		11		111		V	,	V
Element∜	theo. e	xpt.	theo.	expt.	theo.	expt.	theo.	expt.	theo.	expt.
С	53.08	52.07	44.28	44.14	57.50	57.30	50.65	50.80	44.92	44.27
Н	6.25	6.50	4.83	4.74	5.40	5.37	4.52	4.50	5.92	5.76
N	12.38	12.16	15.49	15.40	8.40	8.27	11.08	10.93	14.97	14.83
0	28.29	28.63	35.39	35.72	19.10	19.81	25.30	25.40	34.19	35.14
S	-				9.60	9.25	8.45	8.37	· .	-

These elemental analysis results are in excellent agreement with the supposed structure.

Nuclear magnetic resonance spectra, shown in Figures 17 - 20, further confirm the diol structures I - IV. The peak assignments are listed in Table 16, below.

TABLE 16

NMR PEAK ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE I - IV ALCOHOLS

DIOL#	1	2	3	4	5
R <sub>1</sub> Peak asgn.	-	-	$ \begin{array}{c c} c & d \\ \hline c & d \end{array} $	- $c$ $d$ $c$ $d$	g= N(EtOH)2
$R_2 \rightarrow$	H <sub>F</sub>	NO <sub>2</sub>	HF	NO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>2</sub>
h	8.02-8.07	8.54,8.53	8.01-8.04	8.86,8.87	8.4009
g	8.02-8.07	8.18-8.23	8.01-8.04	8.31,8.40	-
f	6.83-6.90	-	7.07-7.11	-	-
e	6.83-6.90	7.46,7.50	7.07-7.11	7.10, 7.07	7.0024
d	-	-	7.37-7.40	7.38,7.34	-
ОН	4.2733	4.82-4.86	3.63	4.83,4.87	4.5-4.76
H <sub>2</sub> O	2.96	under a	•	3.36,3.38	3.2479
С	-	-	6.72-6.76	6.86,6.89	
solv.	2.05-2.07	2.5182	7.27	2.50-2.52	7.75,2.6
b	3.81-3.90	3.57-3.69	3.89-3.93	3.57-3.61	3.67-3.7
а	3.70-3.78	3.33-3.46	3.64-3.68	3.50-3.52	3.4-3.47

The peak integration is in excellent agreement with the assigned diol structures. This data, combined with elemental analysis conclusively proves the  ${\bf I}$  -  ${\bf V}$  structures.

Diols were checked for SHG via the powder technique. None of the five diols showed any second order optical nonlinearity.

# CHAPTER 4 DIALLYL COMPOUNDS AND CYCLOPOLYMERIZATION

The diallyl compounds, shown in **Figure 23**, below, were synthesized as monomers for cyclopolymerization. Cyclopolymerization of unsaturated quaternary ammonium salts<sup>54</sup> was discovered by Butler in 1951.

4-diallylamino-4'-nitro diphenyl sulfide

# **VII FIGURE 23**: POTENTIAL SHG COMPOUNDS FOR

CYCLOPOLYMERIZATION

Free unsaturated tertiary amines have been cyclopolymerized as well.  $^{55}$  The polymerization mechanism is free radical chain growth and it has been discussed in detail elsewhere.  $^{56}$ 

#### **EXPERIMENTAL**

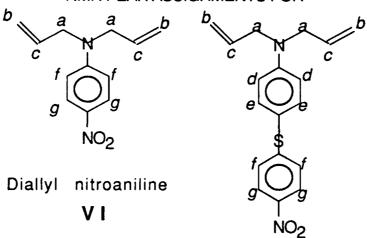
Synthesis of diallyl nitroaniline

15.756 grams (0.1 moles) of p-chloronirtobenzene (Aldrich) and ca. 25 ml (0.2 moles) of diallyl amine (Aldrich) were refluxed at 115°C for 18 hours. Resulting brown grease was washed with water to remove the hydrochloride salt and dried in vacuo at 115°C. Brown liquid was dissolved in CDCl3 and 100 MHz NMR revealed the desired structure. Peak assignments are summarized in **Table 17**, below. **Figure 24** displays the NMR spectrum.

Synthesis of 4-diallylamino-4'-nitro diphenyl sulfide

1 gram (0.00577 moles) of N,N diallyl aniline (Monomer, Polymer and Dujac Labs) was added to 1.094 grams (0.00577 moles) of 4-nitrobenzenesulfenyl chloride (Aldrich), dissolved in 25 ml of methylene chloride. The reaction was allowed to proceed in the dark at room temperature for 24 hours. The solvent was then allowed to evaporate and the remaining red solid was washed in dilute aqueous sodium hydroxide. The resulting red precipitate was dried at 130°C in vacuo for two hours. It was dissolved in CDCl<sub>3</sub> and submitted for 100 MHz NMR with TMS as a reference. Peak assignments are given in **Table 16** and the spectrum appears in **Figure 25**.

TABLE 17
NMR PEAK ASSIGNMENTS FOR



4-diallylamino-4'-nitro diphenyl sulfide

**V11** 

Peak assignments	VI	VII
g	8.0624 - 8.0246	7.9996 - 8.0359
f	6.5889 - 6.6267	7.0515 - 7.0722
в	-	7.3264 - 7.3741
d	•	6.7141 - 6.7781
С	5.7701 - 5.9169	5.8148 - 5.9248
chloroform	7.3	7.2558
b	5.1130 - 5.2381	5.1285 - 5.2348
a	4.0148 - 4.0329	3.9061 - 3.9914

Attempts to cyclopolymerize VI and VII as free amines and as quaternary ammonium hydrochloride salts failed. Various free radical initiators were tried, including AIBN, t-butyl hydroperoxide, di-t-butyl peroxide and benzoyl peroxide. Yellow crosslinked polymer was obtained inadvertently as a product when VI was dried at temperatures above 115°C during the monomer purification procedure. Such side reactions with the quaternary diallyl amine salts are well documented in the literature.<sup>56</sup>

Thermally initiated crosslinking demonstrates that **VI** and **VII** can be polymerized under extreme conditions. However, the failure to produce *linear cyclopolymerized* polymers at 60 - 70 °C indicates that free radical transfer takes place. The transfer phenomenon can be linked to two causes.

The growing radical can transfer an electron to the nitro group, which has been documented to be responsible for two transfer routes. If the electron is taken by a monomer's or by another growing polymeric radical's nitro group, then the *transfer to monomer* or *transfer to polymer* <sup>57</sup> occurs. The nitrobenzene group, which is a substituent of both VI and VII, has been also documented to act a *retarder* and a weak *chain transfer agent* .<sup>58</sup> Regardless of the exact role that the nitro group plays in this cyclopolymerization, the net effect is the same: the inability to produce a linear polymer.

It is not apparent at present how to combat the premature free radical termination. The nitro group is a necessary substituent, placed by the molecular design requirements of the SHG process. Other strong electron withdrawing groups, such as the cyano moiety, are also known for their transfer ability. Perhaps other solvent/initiator systems can be tried where the transfer effect is minimized.

# CHAPTER 5 POLYESTERS

Diol I from Chapter 3 has been polymerized with several diacid chlorides in the previous work. <sup>13</sup> There, condensation was carried out in dioxane solution with triethyl amine as an HCl acceptor. In the case of terephthaloyl chloride the polymerization was also carried out in a melt. Details of the polymer synthesis, structure confirmation, and characterization can be found in that work.

In an effort to increase the molecular weight of these polyesters, another approach has been attempted. Side reaction resulting in ketene formation<sup>59</sup> reduced the molecular weight attained by the polyester.

HO 
$$\rightarrow$$
 OH HO  $\rightarrow$  OH  $\rightarrow$  OH  $\rightarrow$  OH  $\rightarrow$  OH  $\rightarrow$  OH  $\rightarrow$  OH  $\rightarrow$  O=C=C-R  $\rightarrow$  NO<sub>2</sub>

FIGURE 26: KETENE SIDE REACTION DURING A TERTIARY AMINE AND ACID CHLORIDE POLYMERIZARION

Similar polyesters, containing tertiary amines, have been reported in literature. 60,61 Sulzberg and Cotter61 carried out these polymerizations in 1,2 dichloroethane at 70°C. Several factors indicate that these polymers were of low molecular weight. Firstly, the polyesters were soluble in 1,2 dichloroethane and in chloroform. The polyesters prepared in Reference 13 were thought to suffer from low molecular weight because their films were somewhat brittle. However, they were insoluble in dioxane, chloroform, and acetone. Intrinsic viscosities were measured in Reference 13, but in Sulzberg and Cotter's work only reduced viscosity for one concentration was reported. It was lower than the corresponding viscosity in the Reference 13 at that temperature and concentration.

To avoid this problem condensation with the diphenyl esters of corresponding diacids was attempted. This reaction is an ester

interchange polyesterification. There are two basic issues involved in these reactions.

Firstly, the polyesterification is improved with the increasing acidity of the leaving group. Here, diphenyl esters of the diacids are advantageous because phenol is more acidic than aliphatic alcohols from the dialkyl esters. Conversely, the the alcoholic byproduct of the polymerization must be removed for the polyesterification to proceed according to the LeChatelier's Principle. Here, the poor volatility of phenol is detrimental to the high molecular weight attainment.

Because a large number of commercial polymerizations successfully utilize the melt ester interchange, 62,63,64,65 this was the route chosen in the present work.

#### **EXPERIMENTAL**

### Diphenyl malonate synthesis

Diphenyl malonate was prepared by heating 14.18 grams (0.1 moles) of malonyl chloride (Aldrich) with 18.367 (0.2 moles) of phenol (Aldrich) in a water bath at 60°C for 19 hours. The mixture was then dumped into ice water. Brown grease separated immediately, and solidified in 10 minutes. The precipitate was repeatedly recrystallized from ethanol until the melting temperature leveled off at 48.5°C. Previously reported melting temperature of 50°C <sup>66</sup> could not be reproduced.

Diphenyl malonate, melting at 48.5°C, was dissolved in CDCl<sub>3</sub> and 100MHz NMR was performed. The spectrum appears in Figure 27. Because in it no impurities can be detected, this material was subsequently used for the polymerizations.

### Polymer synthesis

Attempts to polymerize the diol I with the diphenyl terephthalate or with diphenyl isophthalate failed, because these diphenyl esters melt at temperatures at which the diol decomposes. Melt polymerization, therefore, was attempted with I and the diphenyl malonate.

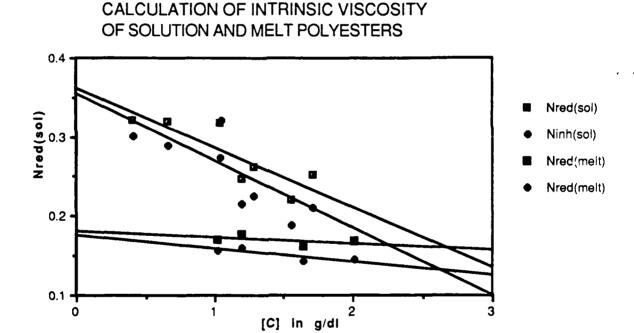
1.281 grams (0.005 moles) of diphenyl malonate and 1.131 grams (0.005 moles) of I were sealed in a test tube under nitrogen. The reaction was then heated to 110°C with the gas bubbling through the molten reactants. The tube was then evacuated while the temperature was ramped slowly to 170°C.

After 2 hours at 170°C the mixture was heated to 210°C where it remained for 24 hours.

#### POLYESTER DISCUSSION

Dilute solution viscometry was performed on dilute DMSO solutions of the melt condensation polymer. Reduced and specific viscosities were extrapolated to zero concentration to obtain the intrinsic viscosity. The data appears in **Figure 28** together with the dioxane solution synthesized polyesters.

FIGURE 28:



It is clear that the molecular weight of this polyester is even lower than that of the solution polymer. This is due to the inability to effectively remove the phenol biproduct of the melt condensation.

The viscosity of the growing oligomers increases with the increasing molecular weight. This hampers the efficient phenol vacuum removal from the reaction site. Bubbling nitrogen though the mixture and increasing the reaction temperature with time helps to remove phenol but apparently not enough. Usually in nylon synthesis, where this technique is sometimes employed, viscosity

is not an issue. Because of the partial crystallinity of the polyamides, this reaction is carried out above the melting point. Crystallinity in polyesters would be detrimental to the optical properties for which these polymers are being synthesized.

In summary, it appears that the melt diphenyl ester interchange polymerization is not an acceptable route to high molecular weight polyesters from these diols. Perhaps, the dialkoxy malonates could achieve higher molecular weights. Finally, the best results can be attained by going to a higher temperature reaction in a better solvent. In reference 13, the polyesters precipitated out of room temperature and hot dioxane. It is possible that the reaction depicted in **Figure 26** is not a problem at all here, just that dioxane can not support the high molecular weight polyester. Solvents like DMSO and DMF should be tried for higher molecular weight polyesters.

#### SHG EVALUATION

Thin films of the solution polymerized terephthaloyle polyester were spun from the dimethyl sulfoxide solution on microscope slide and dried in vacuo at 140°C. They were then corona poled at 150°C for 15 minutes at 15000 volts as described in more detail in Chapter 8. This sample was labeled PE1C15.

A beam from a pulsed Nd/YAG laser was focused on the sample, as the film was rotated 360°. The resulting SHG was detected as described in Chapter 2 and the resulting SHG intensity plot vs the angle of incidence appears in **Figure 84**.

Discussion of the SHG results from the terephthaloyl polyester from I appears in Chapter 9 along with the SHG results from other polymers.

# CHAPTER 6 POLYMERS WITH INCREASED CONCENTRATION OF NLO GROUPS

Polyesters prepared in Reference 13 had at best (malonyl polyester) an SHG active group covalently attached to one backbone atom in every 13. Unless the free radical cyclopolymerization route, mentioned in Chapter 4, is able to produce high polymers, present condensation systems have this "built in" density limitation.

Eich and coworkers<sup>12</sup> were able to covalently introduce a nitroaniline group on every other atom in poly(allylamine hydrochloride). They named this polymer poly(nitroaniline).

The authors took a different approach here by avoiding a free radical polymerization of a monomer with "built in" transfer agent groups that are necessary for SHG.

Yet another approach of increasing the concentration of the NLO active groups in the polymer backbone was attempted in the present work. The underlying idea was to create a polymer with ANDS as a repeat unit. This way, not only high NLO group concentration is achieved by maximizing the number of active pendant groups, but the entire polymer chain participates in the SHG. Several ways of preparing poly(ANDS) have been pursued.

The first, and perhaps, the most naive route, was an effort to extend Lantz's strategy of ANDS preparation to dinitrodichlorobenzenes. The second idea was the application of Wolfe's monomer synthesis for PBT and PBO polymers<sup>67</sup> to fit the poly(ANDS) scheme. The second route is still very promising. However, time and equipment limitations prevented the completion of this work.

Another system, extending the poly(phenylene vinylene) synthesis to prepare poly(ANDS) analogue, had to be suspended for the same reasons. Ultimately, a compromise approach was chosen, and instead of poly(ANDS), a poly(dinitrophenyl sulfide) or poly(DNPS) was prepared.

#### **EXPERIMENTAL**

### Monomer synthesis

1,4-dichloro-2,5-dinitrobenzene, VIII, and 1,4-dichloro-2,6-dinitrobenzene, IX, were prepared by nitration of 15 grams

(0.0781 moles) of 1,4 dichloro-2-nitrobenzene (Aldrich) in a mixture of 50 ml of fuming (15% NO2) nitric acid and 50 ml of fuming (20% SO3) sufuric acid at 110°C for 16 hours. The reaction mixture was then decanted over 1 liter of ice water and filtered. The precipitate was washed with cold water and dried. The reaction yielded ca. 14.5 grams (78%) of the product, melting at 75°C.

The product separated in boiling heptane into two layers. The top layer was white, while the bottom was brownish-yellow sludge. Top layer was carefully separated and cooled, allowing the precipitate to from. This product was recrystallized twice from dilute acetic acid, and then from methanol. The first crop, collected from MeOH, melted at 103°C. The final recrystallization from MeOH yielded clean 1,4-dichloro-2,6-dinitrobenzene, Tm = 105.5-106°C. The 100 MHz NMR of VIII dissolved in CDCl<sub>3</sub> appears in Figure 29.

The mother liquors from all methanol and acetic acid recrystallizations were collected and dried. The substance was recrystallized twice from dioxane, yielding long light amber needles, melting at 117.5-118°C. The 100 MHz NMR of this product in CDCl<sub>3</sub> revealed that 1,4-dichloro-2,5-dinitrobenzene co-crystallized with 2 equivalents of dioxane, **Figure 30**. Vacuum drying these needles at 100°C overnight left the clean dichlorodinitrobenzene. **Figure 31** shows the clean NMR.

- 1,3-dichloro-4,6-dinitrobenzene, X, was prepared by nitration of 20 grams (0.104 moles) of 2,4-dichloro-1-nitrobenzene (Aldrich) in a mixture of 50 ml of fuming nitric acid and 50 ml of concentrated (96%) sufuric acid at 100-110°C for 44 hours. The reaction mixture was then decanted over 1 liter of ice water, forming greenish-white precipitate. The precipitate was filtered and recrystallized three times from ethanol to yield pure product melting at 102°C. The NMR of X in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, shown in Figure 32 confirmed the structure.
- 1,2-dichloro-4,5-dinitrobenzene, XI, was prepared by nitration of 100 grams (0.335 moles) of 1,2 dichlorobenzene (Aldrich) in a mixture of 220 ml of fuming nitric acid and 200 ml of fuming sufuric acid at 100-110°C for 5 hours. The reaction mixture was then decanted over 1 liter of ice water, forming greenish-white precipitate. The precipitate was filtered and recrystallized from dilute acetic acid and ethanol to raise the melting to ca. 60° C. Upon subsequent recrystallization from

dilute acetic acid, the solution separated into a top white and a bottom yellowish layer. The top layer was carefully separated. Precipitate melted at 90°C. Three subsequent recrystallizations from the dilute acetic acid yielded the desired product, melting at 107 - 108°C. The NMR in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, found in **Figure 33**, confirmed the structure. The peak assignments from the NMR spectra of the dichlorodinitrobenzenes appear in **Table 18**, below.

**TABLE 18:** NMR PEAK ASSIGGNMENTS FOR THE DICHLORODINITROBENZENES

benzenes → assigned ↓	1,4 dichloro 2,6 dinitro	1,4 dichloro 2,5 dinitro	1,3 dichloro 4,6 dinitro	1,2 dichloro 4,5 dinitro
2	•	•	7.8529	-
3	8.0186	8.0917	-	8.0595
5	8.0186	•	8.5844	•
6	-	8.0917	•	8.0595

Procedures for the synthesis of these compounds have been described earlier. <sup>68-72</sup> However, many of the results have been found irreproducible and also, erroneous melting temperatures were found to have been reported. All NMR assignments were checked with Sadtler NMR Library. Furthermore, gel permeation chromotography was done with all dinitro compounds to ascertain their purity.

Polymer synthesis

Poly(ANDS) by Lantz's method

9.6 grams (0.05 moles) of 2,4 dichloronitrobenzene (Aldrich) and 42.032 grams (0.175 moles) of Na<sub>2</sub>S\*9H<sub>2</sub>O (Aldrich) were refluxed in water for 24 hours. Another 9.6 grams (0.05 moles) of 2,4 dichloronitrobenzene was added to the reaction mixture and it was refluxed for additional 24 hours. The reaction was then steam distilled and brown fiber-forming product was isolated and cooled. The precipitate was dissolved in deuterated dimethyl sulfoxide for 100 MHz NMR. Elemental analysis was performed by the Desert Analytics.

The NMR spectrum showed peak integration corresponding to a pentamer of poly(ANDS) structure and the elemental analysis results diverged from the true polymeric composition. Similar reactions were carried out with VIII - XI and 5 molar equivalents of Na<sub>2</sub>S\*9H<sub>2</sub>O with inferior results.

The failure of Lantz's route to poly(ANDS) lies in the instability of the intermediate product of the reaction. Lantz's first stage compound was sodium aminothiophenoxide. In the polymerization, this compound is sodium diaminodithiophenoxide (reaction with VIII - IX) or sodium aminodithiophenoxide (reaction with 2,4 dichloronitrobenzene). Wolfe<sup>67</sup> has shown that these salts are very unstable. They are very electron rich and therefore, quickly react with the oxygen in the air. Thus, the required exact stoichiometry is broken and the polymer never forms. In an effort to combat this oxygen sensitivity, another synthetic route to poly(ANDS) was proposed.

#### FIGURE 34

## SYNTHETIC ROUTE TO DIAMINODITHIOPHOXIDE SALT, WOLFE'S APPROACH

27 grams (0.157 moles) of m-phenylene diamine (Aldrich) were heated to 50°C with activated carbon and 30 ml of 37% HCl dissolved in 140 ml of water. The mixture was stirred and filtered hot. 48.4 grams (0.636 moles) of NH<sub>4</sub>SCN were added and the mixture was refluxed for 24 hours. The granular orange precipitate (50.5 grams) was washed with water. The 100 MHz NMR spectrum of the product dissolved in dmso-d6 confirmed the phenyl bis thiourea structure.

50 grams (0.221 moles) of m-phenyl bis thiourea was suspended in 235 ml of chloroform, and 26.26 ml (0.512 moles) of bromine, dissolved in 33 ml of chloroform were added dropwise to

the mixture. The orange slurry was refluxed for 24 hours, after which, the precipitate was washed in chloroform. When it was stirred with aqueous sodium bisulfite, the precipitate lost its orange color and turned lemon yellow. After another washing with concentrated ammonium hydroxide, the now beige product was rinsed with water and recrystallized from glacial acetic acid. It was sparingly soluble in the acid. Both, the undissolved fraction and the recrystallized portion decomposed between 260 - 270°C without melting.

Attempts to cleave the thiazole ring with KOH in inert atmosphere failed to isolate the dipotasium salt due to inadequacy of the dry glove box. A bright yellow color, characteristic of the desired potassium diaminodithiophenoxide, was seen only briefly in the reaction mixture. The reaction then quickly turned dark green, and then black, indicating oxidation.

It is clear that this is a viable route towards poly(ANDS), but better atmospheric control is needed for this reaction to succeed.

### Poly(ANDS vinylene) route

The synthetic route to poly(phenylene vynilene) first attempted by Wessling and Zimmerman<sup>73</sup> and expanded by Lenz and coworkers<sup>74</sup> (see the **Figure 35** below) was applied to prepare poly(ANDS vinylene).

FIGURE 35: SYNTHETIC ROUTE TO POLY(PHENYLENE VINYLENE)

SYNTHETIC ROUTE TO POLY(PHENYLENE VINYLENE)

However, when 1.947 grams (0.0145 moles) of N-chlorosuccinimide (Aldrich) and 1.750 grams (0.00638 moles) of 4-amino-2,2'-dimethyl-4'-nitrodiphenyl sulfide (compound B, Chapter 2) were refluxed in a benzene/carbon teterachloride solvent system, aromatic carbons on the aniline ring were chlorinated, instead of the methyl carbons. The NMR spectrum of the product, recrystallized twice from MeOH with  $Tm = 168^{\circ}C$ , that appears in **Figure 36** confirms that reaction.

Aniline ring chlorination takes place because N-chlorosuccinimide does not dissociate free radically with the polar **B**. Instead, a heterolitic cleavage of the C-Cl bond takes place and the anionic Cl- species are formed. These anions are "attracted" to the electron-rich aniline ring, and the chlorination occurs there.

Because of the time limitations and the high cost of the starting materials involved, alternate haloginations of  $\mathbf{B}$  were not attempted. Other agents, such as  $\text{Cl}_2$  or  $\text{Br}_2$  are easily available and are much less likely to generate ionic species when a homolitic cleavage is required. Clearly, additional effort in this synthetic route has a potential to bring very promising results.

### Synthesis of the poly(DNDS)

0.5 grams (0.0035 moles) of m-benzenedithiol (Aldrich) was added to a solution of 0.861 grams (0.0035 moles) of 1,3-dichloro-4,6-dinitrobenzene, pyridine and dimethyl formamide at room temperature. An instant color change from colorless  $\Rightarrow$  purple  $\Rightarrow$  yellow was observed as the precipitate deposited. The crude yellow powder was obtained in 100% yield.

The precipitate was washed with hot water and refluxed in acetone. It was recrystallized from dimethyl sulfoxide and dried. The final weight of the polymer was 0.950 grams, indicating 85.3% yield of the high molecular weight poly(phenylene sulfide).

#### Discussion

The polymer had no visible glass transition range as can be seen from the differential scanning calorimetry graph, appearing in Figure 37. The polymer decomposed before melting, as evidenced by the irreversible color loss near 350°C. Polymer was shown to be crystalline by wide angle X-ray scattering, plot of which is shown on Figure 38. The polymer was submitted to Desert Analytics for elemental analysis. The results of the elemental analysis are listed in Table 19.

**TABLE 19**ELEMENTAL ANALYSIS FIT FOR POLY(DNDS)

Element	Experim.	Polymer	Decamer	Trimer	Dimer
С	46.89	47.05	47.49	48.19	42.04
Н	1.92	1.95	2.13	2.70	2.06
N	8.23	9.15	9.23	6.25	8.17
0	22.29	20.89	22.14	14.27	18.67
S	20.96	20.93	19.01	28.59	10.34

It can be seen from this table that the elemental analysis results indicate a polymeric, and not oligomeric, structure for the product. Even a high oligomer (decamer) shows a poorer data fit than the polymeric model.

An attempt to prepare an NMR sample was made by dissolving the crude polymer in boiling DMSO-d6 and allowing it to cool slowly to room temperature. Nonetheless, most of the

polymer precipitated out of the solution upon cooling; the solution was only pale yellow. The results of the 100 MHz proton NMR are summarized below and the spectrum appears in **Figure 39**.

TABLE 20 NMR PEAK ASSIGNMENTS FOR

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
\uparrow & S & \beta & S - 1 - 1 \\
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\delta & \delta_{2}N & \alpha & N_{2}O
\end{array}$$

Peak assignment	Peak location		
α	9.0651 - 9.0719		
δ	8.8421 - 8.8664		
β	8.3923 - 8.4300		
γ	7.8976 - 7.9538		
ε	6.6745		
water	3.1372 - 3.8938		
dmso	2.4995 - 2.5136		
oligomeric	7.6569 - 7.8166		
oiigomeric end groups	2.7344, 2.8935		

It is clear from the NMR and the elemental analysis data that this product is polymeric, and that the polymer is of fairly high molecular weight.

# CHAPTER 7 POLYURETHANES

Alcohols I - V, described in Chapter 3, were also polymerized with several diisocyanates to synthesize a number of polyurethanes. Polyurethanes were chosen because this polymerization reaction affords no byproducts. This fact was used to polymerize polyurethanes under electric field. Monomeric and oligomeric species are much easier to align in the electric field than long entangled polymer chains. Better dipole alignment results in an improved SHG signal from the polymer.

Another advantage of polyurethanes is the presence of two amide linkages per every polymeric repeat unit, that results in very pronounced hydrogen bonding between the polymer chains. Hydrogen bonding can "lock in" the SHG useful side groups and slow down the dipole relaxation that is prevalent in other polymeric systems utilized for SHG. 82-87

#### **EXPERIMENTAL**

PU SERIES PU1C15

0.033 grams (0.0002 moles) of 1,4 phenylene diisocyannate (Aldrich) and 0.045 grams (0.0002 moles) of N,N dihydroxyethyl-4-nitro-benzenamine (I) were dissolved in 5 ml of THF at room temperature. Four drops of the solution were carefully deposited on a microscope slide and THF was allowed to evaporate. The slide was then placed under a sharpened tungsten needle charged at 15000 volts. The sample was heated at 100°C for 15 minutes. The heat was then shut off and the polymer was allowed to cool for 30 minutes to room temperature. The electric field was then removed. Figure 40 shows the structure of the PU1 polyurethane.

FIGURE 40: PU1

PU1C13 was similarly polymerized, but under 13000 volts. Figure 41 shows a picture of the corona poling apparatus.

## CORONA ALIGNMENT POLYMERIZATION

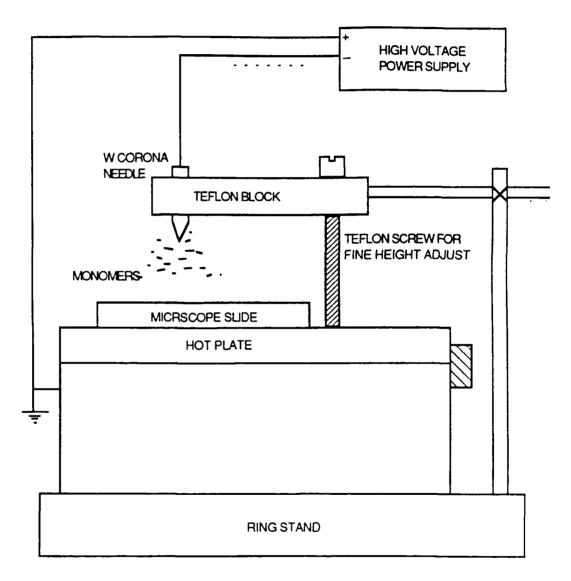


FIGURE 41

#### **PU2C15**

0.033 grams (0.0002 moles) of 1,4 phenylene diisocyannate (Aldrich) and 0.054 grams (0.0002 moles) of N,N dihydroxyethyl-2,4-dinitro-benzenamine (II) were polymerized as PU1C15 above. Figure 42 shows the structure of PU2 polyurethane.

FIGURE 42: PU2

#### PU3C15

0.033 grams (0.0002 moles) of 1,4 phenylene diisocyannate (Aldrich) and 0.067 grams (0.0002 moles) of N,N dihydroxyethyl-4-(thio-4'-nitrophenyl)-benzenamine (III) were polymerized as PU1C15 above. **Figure 43** shows the structure of PU3 polyurethane.

FIGURE 43: PU3

#### **PU4C15**

0.033 grams (0.0002 moles) of 1,4 phenylene diisocyannate (Aldrich) and 0.076 grams (0.0002 moles) of N,N dihydroxyethyl-4-(thio-2',4'-dinitrophenyl)-benzenamine (IV) were polymerized as PU1C15 above. **Figure 44** shows the structure of PU4 polyurethane.

FIGURE 44: PU4

#### **PU5C15**

0.066 grams (0.0004 moles) of 1,4 phenylene diisocyannate (Aldrich) and 0.075 grams (0.0002 moles) of di-N,N dihydroxyethyl-(2,4-dinitro)-phenylene-1,3-diamine (V) were polymerized as PU1C15 above. **Figure 45** shows the structure of PU5 polyurethane.

Figure 45: PU5

All of the PUXC13 polyurethanes were synthesized like their PUXC15 analogues, but the tungsten needle was charged at 13000 volts.

#### **DU SERIES**

#### **DU1C15**

0.051 grams (0.0002 moles) of diphenyl methane 4,4 'diisocyannate (Tokyo Kasei) and 0.045 grams (0.0002 moles) of N,N dihydroxyethyl-4-nitro-benzenamine (I) were polymerized as

PU1C15 above. Figure 46 shows the structure of DU1 polyurethane.

Figure 46: DU1

#### **DU2C15**

0.051 grams (0.0002 moles) of diphenyl methane 4,4 'diisocyannate (Tokyo Kasei) and 0.054 grams (0.0002 moles) of N,N dihydroxyethyl-2,4-dinitro-benzenamine (II) were polymerized as PU1C15 above. **Figure 47** shows the structure of DU2 polyurethane.

Figure 47: DU2

#### **DU3C15**

0.051 grams (0.0002 moles) of diphenyl methane 4,4 'diisocyannate (Tokyo Kasei) and 0.067 grams (0.0002 moles) of N,N dihydroxyethyl-4-(thio-4'-nitrophenyl)-benzenamine (III) were polymerized as PU1C15 above. **Figure 48** shows the structure of DU3 polyurethane.

Figure 48: DU3

**DU4C15** 

0.051 grams (0.0002 moles) of diphenyl methane 4,4 'diisocyannate (Tokyo Kasei) and 0.076 grams (0.0002 moles) of N,N dihydroxyethyl-4-(thio-2',4'-dinitrophenyl)-benzenamine (IV) were polymerized as PU1C15 above. **Figure 49** shows the structure of DU4 polyurethane.

Figure 49: DU4

**DU5C15** 

0.102 grams (0.0004 moles) of diphenyl methane 4,4 'diisocyannate (Tokyo Kasei) and 0.075 grams (0.0002 moles) of di-N,N dihydroxyethyl-(2,4-dinitro)-phenylene-1,3-diamine (V) were polymerized as PU1C15 above. **Figure 50** shows the structure of DU5 polyurethane.

Figure 50: DU5

#### **HU SERIES**

**HU1C15** 

33 ml (0.0002 moles) of hexamethylene diisocyanate (Aldrich) and 0.045 grams (0.0002 moles) of N,N dihydroxyethyl-4-nitro-benzenamine (I) were polymerized as PU1C15 above. **Figure 51** shows the structure of HU1 polyurethane.

Figure 51: HU1

HU2C15

33 mI (0.0002 moles) of hexamethylene diisocyanate (Aldrich) and 0.054 grams (0.0002 moles) of N,N dihydroxyethy'-2,4-dinitro-benzenamine (II) were polymerized as PU1C15 above. **Figure 52** shows the structure of HU2 polyurethane.

Figure 52: HU2

HU3C15

33 ml (0.0002 moles) of hexamethylene diisocyanate (Aldrich) and 0.067 grams (0.0002 moles) of N,N dihydroxyethyl-4-(thio-4'-nitrophenyl)-benzenamine (III) were polymerized as PU1C15 above. **Figure 53** shows the structure of HU3 polyurethane.

Figure 53: HU3

HU4C15

33 ml (0.0002 moles) of hexamethylene diisocyanate (Aldrich) and 0.076 grams (0.0002 moles) of N,N dihydroxyethyl-4-(thio-2',4'-dinitrophenyl)-benzenamine (IV) were polymerized as PU1C15 above. **Figure 54** shows the structure of HU4 polyurethane.

Figure 54: HU4

**HU5C15** 

66 ml (0.0004 moles) of hexamethylene diisocyanate (Aldrich) and 0.075 grams (0.0002 moles) of di-N,N dihydroxyethyl-(2,4-dinitro)-phenylene-1,3-diamine (V) were polymerized as PU1C15 above. **Figure 55** shows the structure of HU5 polyurethane.

Figure 55: HU5

#### STRUCTURE CONFIRMATION

The 1 - 4 PU, HU AND DU series samples were scraped off the glass slide, dried in vacuo at 100°C for 12 hours and dissolved in DMSO-d6. The soluble fractions were filtered and collected in the NMR tubes. The TMS reference was added in a capillary tube and inserted into the polymer solutions. 100 MHz spectra appear in the attached **Figures 56 - 67**. The peak assignments appear in **TABLES 21, 22** and **23**.

Another fraction of the PU polymers was submitted to Desert Analytics for elemental analysis. C, H, N, O, and S analysis was performed. Results are listed in **Table 24.** 

Infrared and ultraviolet spectroscopies results appear in Table 25 and 26 and Figures 68 - 76.

#### PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Thermal properties of these polyurethanes were investigated using differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) on the DuPont interactive DSC. Wide angle X-ray scattering was performed with the finely ground powders of PU1 - PU4 to reaffirm that the samples are amorphous.

#### **HUPEG SERIES**

Because absolute molecular weight measurements were not available, the HU series polyurethanes were copolymerized with polyethylene glycol (PEG, M.W. = 200, Aldrich). This was done to show that free standing polymeric films of high molecular weight are achievable at the synthetic conditions used for the SHG samples. A range of PEG/diol compositions was copolymerized with the hexamethylene diisocyanate and durable flexible 50  $\mu m$  films were obtained for all four (HU1PEG - HU4PEG) diols. Qualitative measurements of the films' strength and durability appear in **Table 28**.

TABLE 28
MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF THE HUPEG SERIES

DIOL#→ % PEG	I	11	III	IV
0	brittle	brittle	brittle	brittle
5	flexible	flexible	brittle	brittle
10	n/a	n/a	brittle	brittle
15	n/a	n/a	brittle/bend	brittle/bend
20	n/a	n/a	some flex	some flex
25	n/a	n/a	flexible	flexible

## SHG EVALUATION

The sample was rotated 360° under Q-switched YAG/Nd laser beam,  $\lambda = 1064$  nm, pulsing @1250 Hz. Typical pulse width at that frequency is ca. 200 nanoseconds. The second harmonic signal @ 532 nm was measured as described earlier (see **Figure 2**). A sample theta scan appears in **Figure 3**. Film thickness was measured on the Dektak, an  $\alpha$  - step stylus profilometer.

#### POLYURETHANE DISCUSSION

## PROPERTIES AND STRUCTURE DISCUSSION

#### NMR

Nuclear magnetic resonance spectra of the soluble fractions of the PU, HU, and DU series polyurethanes show the onset of polymerization as evidenced by the urethane's N-H proton that appears at 9.4 - 9.5 ppm for the PU's. Similarly, these protons are seen at 9.45 - 9.80 ppm for the DU's and in the 7.0 - 7.2 ppm range for the HU's (refer to **Tables 23, 24**, and **25**). This is a broad peak that is usually associated with these protons. Another broad peak, at 6.45 - 6.60 for the DU's and at 5.7 ppm for HU's, is

characteristic of the amine proton. This amine is the result of the reaction of water with the isocyanate group according to:<sup>75</sup>

$$H_2O + R-NCO \Rightarrow R-NHCOOH \Rightarrow R-NH_2 + CO_2$$
 2 2

The peak at 4.85 - 5.15 ppm is the unreacted alcohol peak. Another area of interest is the second type of the urethane NH proton, occuring at 8.47-8.50 ppm for the PU's, 8.52-8.67 ppm for the DU's and 6.73-6.87 ppm for the HU series. This type of proton corresponds to the urethanes closest to the amine in 22: R-O(CO)NH-R<sub>2</sub>-NH<sub>2</sub>.

Table 21 summarizes the peak assignments for the PU1-4 polymers.

TABLE 21
NMR ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE PU SERIES

Peak assignment	1	2	3	4
R <sub>1→</sub>	-	-		
R <sub>2 →</sub>	H;	NO <sub>2</sub>	H <sub>i</sub>	NO <sub>2</sub>
k	8.00-8.06	8.46-8.66	8.04 - 8.08	8.86-8.88
j	8.00-8.06	8.11-8.23	8.04 - 8.08	8.26-8.39
NH	9.55	9.35-9.39	9.5309	9.5370
i	6.80-7.00	-	7.13-7.18	
h	6.80-7.00	7.45-7.52	7.13-7.18	7.02-7.11
oligomeric NH	8.50	8.49	8.47	8.4684
unreacted OH	4.90,4.91	4.83-4.86	5.1481	4.83-4.88
$\overline{g}$	-	-	7.36-7.40	7.36-7.40
f	-	-	6.97-7.00	6.86-6.97
d	7.34	7.24-7.36	7.3353	7.30,7.33
oligomeric CH <sub>2</sub>	3.59-3.62	3.58	3.59-3.63	3.49-3.63
H <sub>2</sub> O	3.4240	3.27-3.55	2.78-3.58	3.32-3.48
C	4.28-4.30	4.2863	4.22-4.29	4.27-4.28
dmso	2.51,2.52	2.50-2.52	2.45-2.51	2.50-2.53
<u>b</u>	3.81-3.84	3.59-3.69	3.70-3.77	3.74-3.84

Similarly, **Table 22** lists the NMR spectra peak assignments for the HU series polyurethanes.

TABLE 22
NMR ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE HU SERIES

Peak assignment	1	2	3	4
R <sub>1→</sub>	-	-		
R <sub>2 Æ</sub>	H <sub>i</sub>	NO <sub>2</sub>	H;	NO <sub>2</sub>
k	8.00, 8.04	8.52-8.56	8.06-8.09	8.85-8.88
j	8.00, 8.04	8.18-8.24	8.06-8.09	8.32-8.41
NH	7.146	6.95-7.03	under j	7.1488
i	6.88-6.92	-	7.14,7.17	-
h	6.88-6.92	7.45-7.52	7.14,7.17	7.08, 7.11
oligomeric NH	6.84-6.80	6.74-6.73	6.85,6.87	under f
unreacted OH	4.87-4.88	4.76-4.83	4.77-4.81	4.81-4.85
g	-	-	7.36,7.33	7.35-7.38
f	-	-	6.90,6.93	6.86-7.05
е	4.14	4.11-4.19	4.04-4.10	4.1072
d	3.70-3.71	4.54-4.59	3.61-3.70	3.60-3.63
oligomeric CH <sub>2</sub>	3.58-3.63	d, 2.6-2.7	3.47-3.53	3.50-3.58
H <sub>2</sub> O	3.36	3.35-3.39	3.3485	3.3484
С	2.92, 2,94	2.85-2.95	2.86-3.02	2.93-2.94
dmso	2.51	2.49-2.51	2.509	2.50-2.51
b	1.32, 1.25	1.21-1.38	1.34-1.35	1.32-1.41
а	1.25, 1.18	1.05-1.14	1.11-1.27	1.20-1.27

TABLE 23
NMR ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE DU SERIES

Peak assignment	1	2	3	4
R <sub>1→</sub>	-	-		-\( \sup_g -
R <sub>2 →</sub>	H <sub>i</sub>	NO <sub>2</sub>	H <sub>i</sub>	NO <sub>2</sub>
k	8.02, 8.06		8.03-8.10	8.85,8.88
j	8.02, 8.06	8.08-8.13	8.03-8.10	8.21-8.32
NH	9.54,9.59	9.35-9.45	9.56-9.81	9.58
i	6.95, 6.99	-	7.11 and	-
h	6.95, 6.99	7.47,7.51	under d	under d
oligomeric NH	8.52-8.55	under j	8.67	8.52
unreacted OH	4.89-4.92	4.811	4.83	4.80-4.84
g	-	-	1.35,under e	under e
f	-	-	6.96-7.0	under d
е	7.20-7.37	7.25-7.36	7.37,under g	7.31-7.43
d	7.08-7.19	7.03-7.18	7.06-7.15	7.05-7.15
oligomeric CH <sub>2</sub>	3.58-3.72	under b	3.60-3.63	3.54-3.68
H <sub>2</sub> O	3.3904	3.35-3.46	3.36	3.35
С	4.22-4.38		4.27	4.27
dmso	2.50-2.52	2.49-2.54	2.51-2.52	2.50-2.54
b	3.80-3.95	3.57-3.66	3.7762	3.77-3.89
а	under b	3.77	under b	under b

Some NMR spectra show residual acetone from the tube washing near 2 ppm. Oligomers and possibly unreacted diols

manifest themselves in methylenes and alcohols, locations of which are described in the Tables above. Methylenes immediately adjacent to the alcohols are shifted downfield when a urethane is formed. This happens because the carbonyl linkage strongly withdraws electrons.

There is excellent agreement in the aromatic/aliphatic proton ratio as seen from the spectra integrations. Even for the individual protons there is good integral correspondence. This further asserts the polyurethane formation.

#### **ELEMENTAL ANALYSIS**

Elemental analysis was performed on the entire sample in the PU series, not just on the oligomeric soluble fraction, like NMR. Therefore its results are indicative of the overall polymer composition. Results are listed in **Table 24**, below.

TABLE 24
SYNOPSIS OF THE ELEMENTAL ANALYSIS RESULTS FOR PU's

PU#→	1	l		11	l	11	<u>_</u>	V	,	V
Element	theo.	expt.	theo.	expt.	theo.	expt.	theo.	expt.	theo.	expt.
С	55.95	54.37	50.12	50.21.	58.29	58.09	53.43	53.92	51.87	51.02
Н	4.70	4.89	3.97	4.49	4.49	4.61	3.92	4.20	4.35	4.87
N	14.50	13.97	16.24	15.20	11.33	11.41	12.98	13.33	16.13	14.83
0	24.85	26.02	29.67	29.12	19.41	19.95	23.73	24.34	27.64	29.28
S	-	-	-	-	6.48	5.93	5.94	5.02	_	-

Experimentally determined composition closely agrees with the linear polyurethane structures of PU1 - PU4. Side reaction 22 or crosslinking via the biurette formation<sup>74</sup> must not occur to any appreciable extent.

#### UV and IR

Ultraviolet spectroscopy of the polyurethanes shows that they are nearly transparent at 532 nm, the SHG frequency of the optical experiment. Absorbance at that wavelength is detrimental to the SHG seen from the sample. They are completely transparent at 1064 nm. This is important because if the samples absorb in that range the sample will heat up and burn up under the powerful Nd/YAG beam. Figures 72 - 76 show the UV spectra of PU1 -

PU5. The transmission characteristics of these polymers at the harmonic frequency are listed in the **Table 25** below:

TABLE 25
TRANSMISSION OF PU's AT THE HARMONIC FREQUENCY

PU#	% TRANSM. @ 520 nm	% TRANSM. @ 540 nm	maximum @ (nm)
1	91.0	96.0	410
2	65.5	88.1	410
3	67.3	83.4	380
4	8.4	20.1	390
5	42.9	67.2	400

UV spectra of the sulfide polymers PU3 and PU4 show a sulfur to nitro  $n \Rightarrow \pi^*$  transition in the 350nm range that is present in their corresponding diols and ANDS. PU1 and PU2 absorb in 350 nm range like their diols, MNA and PNA. UV spectra in the near IR range shows that the samples are transparent at  $\lambda = 1064$  nm, the wavelength of the fundamental beam.

**TABLE 26**SUMMARY OF WAVELENGTHS (in cm<sup>-1</sup>) OF PU SERIES IR ABSORBTION

PU1	PU2	PU3	PU4	GROUP PEAKS ASSIGNED TO
3331	3369	3322	3316	H-bonded amide N-H
3113	3092	3093	3100	sp <sup>2</sup> C-H
2947	2940	2957	2926	sp <sup>3</sup> C-H
2894	2902	2907	2874	sp <sup>3</sup> C-H
1712	1714	1716	1718	amide
1595	1602	1592	1592	amide
1516	1519	1508	1517	para benzene or 1,2,4 benzene
1483	-		1459	nitrobenzene
1405	1407	1405	1403	nitrobenzene
1310	1329	1335	1305	aromatic tertiary amine
1206	1217	1215	1214	aromatic tertiary amine
1113	1145	~1110	1130	para benzene or 1,2,4 benzene
1066	1063	1073	1068	nitrobenzene
1000	923	1013	1007	para benzene or 1.2,4 benzene
828	830	835	927	para benzene or 1,2,4 benzene
752	745	750	738	amide

IR spectra summaries of PU1, PU2, PU3, and PU4 are listed in **Table 26**. All four scans show that polymerization occured. This can be monitored by the appearance of the bonds characteristic of urethanes, such as C=O, N-H, C-O, and C-N. Onset of the absorbtion at several wavelengths, characteristic of the amide stretches and vibrations and disappearance of characteristic absorbtion of the isocyanate functionality at ca. 2100 cm<sup>-1</sup> are indicative of the polyurethane formation.

It is difficult to see from the IR spectra whether the reaction depicted by 22 occurs to any appreciable extent. The primary aromatic amine has weak characteristic absorbtion peaks at 3400 - 3500 cm-1 due to the N-H bond stretch. This peak is hard to detect so near the strong amide stretch ca. 3300 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Nonetheless, this peak is absent in all four spectra. Furthermore, 1° aromatic amine absorbs at ca. 1650 - 1580 cm<sup>-1</sup> due to the N-H scissoring. This peak overlaps with the carbonyl stretch of the These amines also absorb at 650 - 800 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 34 but this amide. peak coincides with the amide absorbtion in that region. Finally, the strong C-N stretch in 1266 - 1342 cm-1 is identical for the 1° and 3° (from the nitroaniline) aromatic amines. So. IR spectroscopy is able to provide only mild evidence that 22 is not a great threat in these polymerizations.

Polyurethane formation is supported by absorbtions at (1712-1718 cm<sup>-1</sup>), (1592 - 1602 cm<sup>-1</sup>), (738 - 752 cm<sup>-1</sup>) and (660 - 690 cm<sup>-1</sup>) seen in all PU series polymers. Finally, hydrogen bonded N-H and alcohol O-H are impossible to differentiate at 3316 - 3369 cm<sup>-1</sup> region.<sup>34</sup> The absorbtion in that range is most likely due to urethane's N-H, because evidence for this bond is present at four other wavelengths. However, there is, probably, some unreacted OH end groups overlapping with the amide stretch.

IR spectra reaffirm the polyurethane structures dictated by the NMR and elemental analysis.

DSC

Samples showed no crystalline transitions such as melting and only slight inflections that could be glass transitions (see attached Figures). Because of the importance of the  $T_g$  for the dipole relaxation further thermal investigation was done. SHG signal relaxation vs time at room and at elevated temperatures for each of the polymers in the PU series was monitored.

SHG remained constant for all samples through 1,000,000 seconds at room temperature. At elevated temperatures only PU4C15, PU3C15 and PU1C15 were studied. Here, the corona poled samples were heated at the designated temperature for a specified time. SHG was then measured, and the sample returned to the elevated temperature for the next plot point. Results are listed in **Table 31** and **Figures 108 - 112**. They show only slight relaxation at prolonged exposures at  $50^{\circ}\text{C}$  and a major signal drop between  $100^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $135^{\circ}\text{C}$  after 1000 seconds of heating. This strongly suggests  $T_g$  in that thermal range.

SHG signal data at elevated temperature gives a much better "feel" for the dipole relaxation in these polymers than does the DSC. From the two, Tg's in the 100 - 135°C range are proposed.

#### X-RAY SCATTERING

Wide angle X-ray scattering spectra, depicted in **Figures 81** - **84**, show a broad halo typical for amorphous materials for PU2, PU3 and PU4 polymers. PU1 diffraction shows crystalline peaks at 9°, 10.35°, 11.1°, 14.15°, and possibly 19°. Application of the Scherrer equation<sup>78</sup> applied to these peaks reveals corresponding domain sizes between 45Å and 60Å.

$$X = \lambda/\Delta B_{corr} \cos \theta$$
 2 3

Here, x is the domain size in Å  $\lambda$  is the wavelength of the X-ray source ( $K_{\alpha} = \mathring{A}$ )  $\theta$  is the angle of a particular diffraction peak  $B^2_{corr} = B^2_{app} - B^2_{slit}$ , where  $B_{corr}$  is the width of the diffraction peak, corrected by the slit width.

The size is indicative of small organic crystals, not that of the polymer chains. This data is in line with the differential scanning calorimetry, which conclusively shows that the polymers are completely amorphous.

X-ray scattering is a very sensitive technique and it can pick up a signal from less than 1/2° (degrees) of the sample composition. It is possible that some unreacted diol or other impurity from the sample processing is responsible for the scattering peaks.

## **POLING**

Conventionally, parallel plate poling has been used in the SHG field for the polymer dipole alignment. Here, a polymer film is sandwiched between two parallel electrodes. The electrodes are either transparent or opaque at the fundamental and harmonic wavelengths. If the opaque electrodes are used, then they must be removed prior to the optical probing. A picture of a parallel plates poling apparatus appears in **Figure 85.** 

The corona poling technique has been used in the past to produce piezoelectric polymeric films<sup>79</sup> and more recently, specifically for the dipole orientation of polymer films for SHG.<sup>12</sup> The authors were able to achieve better dipole orientation and, therefore, better harmonic signal from the corona poling than from the conventional parallel plates technique.<sup>12</sup>

Better alignment occurs for a number of reasons under the corona. Firstly, higher poling fields at the polymer surface are obtainable because the corona poling takes place at the voltages near the dielectric breakdown of air. In the parallel plate method, breakdown of the sample typically occurs as a burn through the film. This happens because of the short circuiting caused by local defects, such as pinholes and impurities. Therefore, the theoretical film breakdown voltages are not achievable in this method. So, the alignment is limited to lower voltages between the plates. Even in good quality films this could be ten times lower than the maximum electric field.

Secondly, conducting indium tin oxide glass (ITO), commonly used for electrodes, is typically 300Å thick. Even the minute milliamp currents caused by the discontinuities in the film heat up and degrade the ITO at the poling voltages. This local decomposition creates a short circuit that, in turn, draws in more amperage and heat and burns the rest of the sample.

Thirdly, poling usually takes place at elevated temperatures that are necessary to elevate the polymer above its glass transition point. Dipole movement and reorientational response takes place in the polymer only in that temperature range or above. This molecular motion can create defects that are not present at room temperature. Defects could also appear as a result of nonuniform sample heating that, in turn, could be caused by nonuniform film thicknesses among other things. Even if these

do not occur, the polymer dielectric breakdown voltage is lowered significantly at the elevated temperatures.<sup>12</sup>

Finally, in this work, monomer mixtures were cast from the THF solutions. The coating was never a smooth film upon deposition, and often, even the resulting polymers were not wetting the surface. Therefore, the conventional parallel plate poling was not advisable in this case.

Instead, a number of modified parallel poling methods were attempted. One involved covering the reacting region with a thin polyethylene terephthalate (PET) film. PET in the thickness range of 18  $\mu$ m to 130  $\mu$ m was used. In this approach the poling voltages were limited by the dielectric breakdown of the PET film used. Also, the choice of PET limited the temperatures to less than 80°C. Specific geometry of this method is shown on **Figure 86.** 

Limits of this poling approach were not only PET's thermal limitations. The electric field was "shared" by the polyurethane and PET according to 24:80

$$E_{T}/\mathbf{D} = t_{1}/\varepsilon_{1} + t_{2}/\varepsilon_{2}$$

So, polyurethanes received only a fraction of the poling voltage applied. Another limitation was placed by the top (live) electrode. A non bonded top electrode did not provide a uniform contact across the poling area (please refer to Figure 86 in the Appendix). This resulted in poling aberrations around the poling surface. If the electrode was bonded to PET (as in sputtered aluminum on PET) it decomposed at voltages below 5000 volts. This resulted in a fatal discontinuity in voltage to the sample. Often, this loss of contact was not easily detectable until the sample was optically evaluated. PET could not be peeled off the sample because of the excellent bonding properties of polyurethanes.

This meant that polyurethane thicknesses could not be measured optically or profilametrically. If PET was forcefully pried off it removed the "best poled" surface of the polyurethanes. In light of these reasons, this approach was of only passing interest.

Another poling strategy was employed by Dr. Wnek at Rensselaer Polytechnical Institute. He used thin glass microscope

cover slips as insulators between the polymer and electrodes. This poling set up is shown on **Figure 87**. Glass plates were 100 mm thick each. The poling voltages were limited to 2000 volts by the glass dielectric breakdown strength. The effective poling field applied to the polyurethane is given by **24**.

If polyurethane thickness (not acurately directly measurable) is on the order of 50 mm and glass's dielectric constant is assumed to be comparable to that of the polyurethane, then the effective poling field on the polymer is ca. 80,000 V/cm or between one and two order of magnitudes lower than that attainable with the conventional parallel plates poling of polymers. This is unfortunate, because extra alignment, bought by the increased mobility of poling smaller species, is negated by the earlier loss of the poling effectiveness as the polymerization progresses. 80 KV/cm is not enough of a force to reorient large oligomers as they condense. It is not clear how soon in the course of the polymerization the poling efficiency is lost, because good SHG response was obtained.

There are other non-trivial concerns about the modified parallel plate poling. In order to get better, more uniform and higher polymer films better monomer mixture and more uniform monomer deposition is necessary. This is not possible in the melt polymerization between the plates. Better polymer films are typically cast from solution than from the melt. The top plate severely limits this. Monomers could be solution cast onto the top glass slide and the solvent allowed to evaporate. However, great care must be taken to remove all of the solvent. Once the sandwich is made, evaporation of the trapped solvents can not take place without catastrophic failure of the sample.

Diisocyanates are very reactive species. The chosen diisocyanates were selected (among other things) for their tailored reactivity. Wide range of diisocyanate reactivities is available (see **Table 27**81). Some of the fastest ones are all aromatic. Chosen systems use diphenyl methane diisocyanate and para-phenylene diisocyanate, which react very quickly.

TABLE 27
RELATIVE REACTIVITIES FOR THE CONSECUTIVE REACTIONS
OF DIISOCYANATES WITH TWO REPRESENTATIVE ALCOHOLS

OI BIIOCOTANATEO WITH			CONSTANT			
DIISOCYANATE	etha	anol	1-	1-butanol		
	k1	k1/k2	<u>k1</u>	k1/k2		
m-phenylene	-	•	11	8.4		
p-Phenylene		-	7.7	9.2		
4,4'-Diphenylmethane	2.3	3.2	2.4	2.9		
2,6-Tolylene			2.2	6.1		
2,4-Tolylene	3.0	25	4.9	11.9		
3,3'-Dimethyl-4,4'-						
diphenylmethane	_	<u> -                                   </u>	0.41	2.4		
Durene		-	0.05	2.6		
1,5-Naphthalene	2.7	3.5	-	-		
1,3-Xylylene	0.2	2.5	_	•		
1,4-Xylylene	0.18	1.9	-	-		
5-t-Butyl-1,3-xylylene	0.19	2.7		-		
1,6-Hexamethylene	-	-	0.001	2.0		
Phenyl isocyanate (std)	1	-	1	-		

Here,  $k_1$  is defined as the rate constant for a reaction of an alcohol with the diisocyanate.  $k_2$  is the rate constant for the monofunctional isocyanatourethane, formed in  $k_1$ , and the second alcohol. The reactions with ethanol were carried out in toluene at 30°C. The reaction rates of 1-butanol were measured in 40°C toluene. All rates are relative to the phenyl isocyanate standard. Therefore, paraphenylene diisocyanate reacts 4 orders of magnitude faster than the hexamethylene diisocyanate.

If the isocyanates are exposed to air for a long time, they are converted to an acid according to 22, which is not only less reactive, but gives off water upon decomposition. This water can not evaporate in a sandwich and destroys the sample. Incidentally, open poling systems, like corona poling, allow liquids to evaporate. This is could be useful in future "alignment polymerizations" that, unlike polyurethane condensations, give off water, gas or some other liquid of polymerization.

Lack of a precise thickness measurement technique for sandwiched samples makes accurate SHG comparison impossible.

As can be seen from data in the present work, structural changes in the molecular design of the polymer often produce a subtle change in SHG response, which can not be evaluated without an exact thickness measurement. Another concern in not knowing the thickness of the sample. The variation in poling ability with the film thickness is seen in **Figure 113** in Chapter 8.

At present, it certainly seems like the corona poling is able to optimize the benefits of the maximized orientation achieved by the "alignment polymerization". Its advantages are numerous and it is much more open to any future system modifications.

# CHAPTER 8 POLYURETHANE SHG MEASUREMENTS AND DISCUSSION

Several key studies were considered when polyurethanes were designed for SHG. The first was the comparison of sulfide polyurethanes with the nitroaniline polyurethanes. The second issue to be addressed was the addition of a second nitro group in the ortho position to the electron donor and its effect on SHG. Thirdly, the effect of optimizing the number of NLO side groups in the polymeric backbone was investigated. Another issue was the effect of the poling field strength on the SHG from the polyurethanes. SHG signal relaxation was to be studied versus time and temperature. Finally, the thermally relaxed samples were to be reoriented original alignment polymerization poling conditions and the SHG from these repoled samples was to be compared to the original SHG's from the alignment polymerization.

It is appropriate to explain the role that the various polyurethane series (PU, DU and HU) played in this work. the main series investigated. Paraphenylene diisocyanate provides a very stiff hydrogen bonded urethane linkage upon reaction with an alcohol. The diphenyl methane (DU series) polymer offers a bit more flexibility by allowing an added degree of freedom as a rotation around the sp<sup>3</sup> methylene link. The DU series was prepared to see the effect of the dilution of the number of SHG active entities per repeat unit in the backbone. The HU series was prepared to study the flexibility vs stiffness of the polyurethane backbone and its effect on SHG. Table 29 shows the polymer structures and the assigned name abbreviations. It also lists the SHG values obtained for these thin (2-4µm) 15 KV corona poled polyurethane films. The corresponding  $\theta$  - scans are included in Figures 88 - 102.

TABLE 29
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE POLYURETHANE STRUCTURE AND ITS
SHG for 15KV corona polyurethanes in 2 - 4 µm thickness range

		<u> </u>	<del></del> 1
DIISICYANATE ALCOHOL	(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> (NCO) <sub>2</sub>	(OCN -()2CH2	OCN ———NCO
N-ŒtŒH2 NAME	HU1	DU1	PU1
ND <sub>2</sub> SHG:	1.4 mV/μ	81 mV/µ	178 mV/µ
N-(EtOH)2 NO2 NAME	: HU2	DU2	PU2
NO <sub>2</sub> SHG:	8.2 mV/µ	36 m∨/µ	48 mV/µ
N-(EtOH)2			
NAME:	HU3	DU3	PU3
S III SHG:	9.0 mV/μ	21 mV/μ	40 mV/µ
NO <sub>2</sub>			
N-(EtOH) <sub>2</sub>	HU4	DU4	PU4
NO <sub>2</sub> SHG:	21 mV/μ	61 mV/µ	52 mV/μ
0.44 4/54.043			
O <sub>2</sub> N N(EtOH) <sub>2</sub>	E: HU5	DU5	PU5
0 <sub>2</sub> N N(Et OH) <sub>2</sub>	none	67 mV/μ	14 mV/µ

At the time of this work, absolute SHG measurements, such as  $\chi_2$  or  $d_{33}$ , were not available for films thinner than a coherence length. Normally, for the thicker films, coherence length can be obtained from a Maker-fringe experiment.<sup>6</sup> Since no fringes are seen from thin films, using optical waveguiding techniques<sup>12</sup> were—used previously to measure the refractive indexes of the harmonic and the fundamental wave.

As a reference, several commonly used materials were measured for SHG in the present system. These results appear below:

TABLE 30
REFERENCE SHG MATERIALS

MATERIAL	SHG SIGNAL		
QUARTZ	15 mV		
POWDER KDP	40 mV		
POWDER UREA	34 mV		
POWDER ANDS	750 mV		
POWDER MNA	1500 mV		

# A) Relaxation Studies

Table 31 shows how some of the polyurethane samples lost their SHG efficiency after prolonged exposures to elevated temperatures. At room temperature all of the polyurethanes in the FU series showed no signal decay over the first 106 seconds of their life, see Figure 106. Dipole alignment relaxation of poled polymers at temperatures near glass transition is well documented in the literature. 10,11,12,82,83 In this thermal range, molecular motion of the macromolecules is allowed. This viscous flow is utilized in the conventional poling processes.

FIGURE 106
SHG SIGNAL RELAXATION FOR PU'S AT ROOM TEMPERATURE

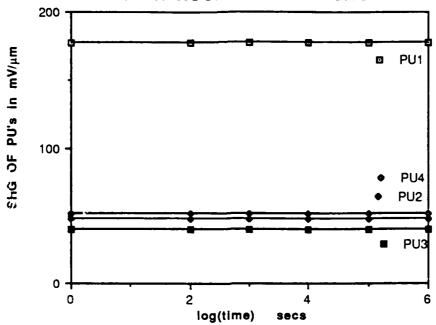


TABLE 31
DIPOLE ALIGNMENT RELAXATION IN THICK POLYURETHANES
POLED AT 15 KV AS A FUNCTION OF SHG (mV/μ)

TRTMNT→ POLYMER	NONE	10 <sup>6</sup> sec @ RT	10 <sup>4</sup> sec @50°C	10 <sup>3</sup> sec @100°C	10 <sup>3</sup> sec @135°C
PU1	178	178	128	12	0.3
PU2	48	48	n/a	n/a	n/a
PU3	40	40	n/a	n/a	n/a
PU4	52	52	43	36	1.9

At room temperature, synthesized polymers were well below their  $T_g$ 's and dipoles were "frozen in". In practice, however, some relaxation does indeed take place. This is the most obvious in the SHG systems where the active entities are small polar guest molecules, such as MNA, dissolved in a transparent polymer matrix, such as PMMA. Hampsch and coworkers<sup>84</sup> observed a 80% signal drop in just 10 hours. Their system was 4% DANS (4-dimethylamino-4'-nitro stilbene) dissolved in PMMA. After

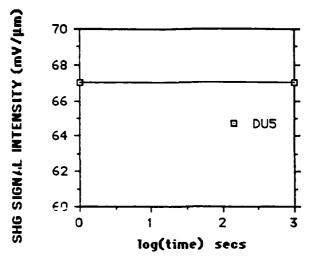
0.5x10<sup>6</sup> seconds at room temperature the harmonic signal decayed virtually to zero.

Marks and coworkers, in an attempt to improve the SHG relaxation parameters, dissolved DANS in an optical grade epoxy resin. Here, the SHG signal decreased down to 40% of the original in the 3.6x106 second time span. Amorphous polymers with covalently bonded NLO side groups performed a bit better, but still showed appreciable dipole relaxation at room temperature. 85,86

This is why the temporal performance of the studied polyurethanes is so encouraging. At 50°C after 10,000 seconds samples lost 17 - 28% of their original SHG efficiency, indicating that some dipole relaxation was slowly taking place. This is in sharp contrast to Meredith's work that examined the SHG relaxation at elevated temperatures.<sup>87</sup> Meredith's system consisted of DANS trapped in a "polymeric cage" of a thermotropic nematic liquid crystalline host. Its SHG signal relaxed to 1.5% of the original at 50°C.

After 1,000 seconds at 100°C, almost 3/4 of the signal loss was recorded, showing that the original anisotropy in the sample was mostly randomized due to diffusion. Finally, the exposure of the samples to 135°C completely averaged out all prefered orientation in the linear polyurethanes. Conversely, the crosslinked samples, such as DU5C15, did not lose any of the induced orientation even after a 1000 second heating at 120°C; please refer to **Figure 107**. **Figures 108 - 112** shows how some of the polyurethanes relaxed their dipole alignment after variable time exposures to 100°C and 50°C.

FIGURE 107
DU5 SHG SIGNAL RELAXATION AT 120°C



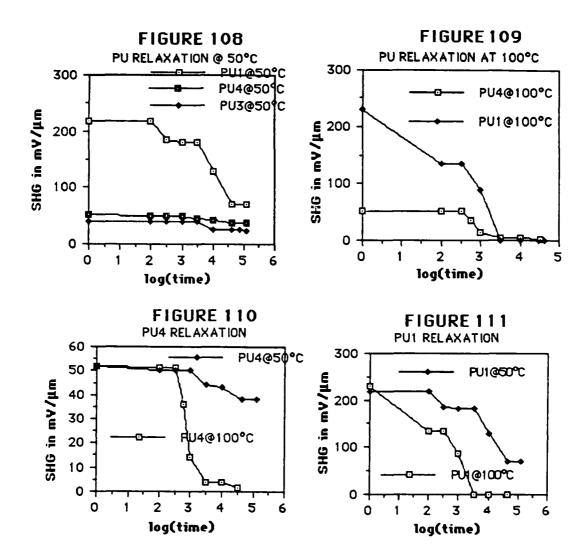
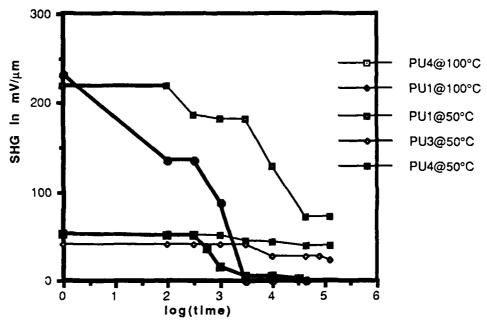


FIGURE 112





These data, combined with the DSC results, indicate glass transition in the 100 - 135 °C range for the para-phenylene polyurethanes.

# B) POLING FIELD EFFECT

Poling electric field strength has a great effect upon the degree of alignment of the polymers. In traditional polymer poling to obtain piezoelectric films or for SHG, usually a saturation level was reached where increasing the voltage did not result in improved orientation as indicated by the leveling of the materials' non-linear response. <sup>12</sup> In these processes the polymer films, spun on substrates, were heated above their Tg's under the applied voltage.

In present work, polymerization proceeded under the poling voltage. This means that a monomoric mixture, not a polymer, was cast on the substrate. When heat and corona were applied two competing processes could have taken place. The first is the desired dipole alignment during the course of the polymerization

due to the field. The second process electrostatically charges small monomeric particles and disperses them under the needle. This results in a blank spot directly under the needle, where the SHG signal should be optimal upon the completion of poling.

Clearly, good alignment during polymerization must be optimized by minimizing this effect while maximizing the dipole alignent. SHG saturation voltage conditions were studied in detail for all PU series polyurethanes.

These studies were complicated by several factors. Firstly, the maximum corona voltage is limited ultimately by the dielectric breakdown of air around the tungsten needle. Dielectric strength is influenced by humidity and temperature. For instance at the distances of 2-3 mm between the corona tip and the sample, voltages of up to 20KV could be produced at room temperature without arcing. In the 100°C-110°C range this voltage drops to 15KV-17KV. At 300°C, only 7KV levels could be reached.

Air breakdown results in an ionized glowing purplish blue cloud that arcs to the ground. With voltages above air breakdown strength the size of the "clouds" grows and the arcs are able to reach farther and farther.

Another important factor needs greater understanding at present. There appears to be a dependence of the poling efficiency on the sample thickness. With the thicker samples the degree of alignment seems to decrease. Figure 113 shows the drop of the poling efficiency with the increasing sample thickness as monitored by the SHG response of PU1C15. The dependence appears to be linear for PV1C15 polyurethanes.

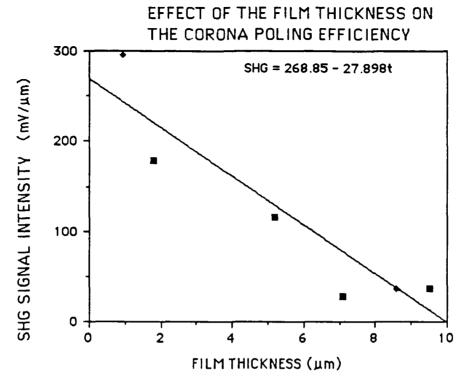


FIGURE 113: EFFECT OF THE FILM THICKNESS ON SHG DENSITY OF PU1C15

Since the entire reacting surface is radially charged around the corona tip, there is a strong radial SHG signal dependence. It does not appear that corona poling of these polyurethanes is solely a surface alignment technique. If that were the case, the SHG values would be approximately the same for samples of all thicknesses.

For these reasons, all samples studied were in the same thickness range. The results appear in **Table 32**. There is a remarkable drop from 15 KV to 13 KV for all PU polymers and at 10 KV the polyurethanes studied showed virtually no harmonic signal. Because of static charging and arcing at 100°C, it was not possible to raise the poling voltage above 15,000V. Therefore, the commonly observed saturation of the non-linear effect is not seen here.

TABLE 32
EFFECT OF THE POLING FIELD STRENGTH ON SHG
OF THIN PARAPHENYLENE POLYURETHANES (PU'S)

CORONA POLING FIELD	15,000 VOLTS	13,000 VOLTS	10,000 VOLTS
PU1	178 mV/μ	78 mV/μ	n/a
PU2	48 mV/μ	15 mV/μ	n/a
PU3	40 mV/μ	6.5 mV/μ	n/a
PU4	52 mV/μ	12 mV/μ	n/a
PU5	14 mV/μ	5 mV/μ	0.41mV/μ

Samples of PU1C15 and PU4C15 were thermally relaxed at 135°C for 15 minutes. There, the anisotropies were thermally removed as indicated by the disappearance of the harmonic response at 532 mm. The samples were repoled at 135°C and 15KV for 15 minutes. The heat was shut off and the samples were cooled to room temperature under the E-field. After 45 minutes the E-field was removed. The samples were rotated under a pulsed YAG laser as described previously. The results of these scans appear in Figures 103, 104 and 120.

The signal from these samples was drastically (40-80%) lower than that from the alignment polymerization. Results are listed in **Table 33.** These results indicate that the alignment polymerization provides particularly superior dipole alignment to the conventional poling with the stiffer polymeric backbones. For instance, DU1C15 shows ca. 40% SHG improvement with alignment polymerization, while more rigid alignment polymerized PU1C15 shows over 5 times stronger SHG than its conventionally poled counterpart.

In light of the need for stiff, high  $T_g$  polymers for thermally and temporally stable SHG, these results appear especially attractive.

TABLE 33

COMPARISON BETWEEN THE ALIGNMENT POLYMERIZATION AND THE CONVENTIONAL POLING SHG's, 15 KV CORONAS

POLYURETHANE STRUCTURE	ALIGNMENT POLYMERIZATION SHG	CONV. POLING SHG
- (0 \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	178 mV/μ	35 mV/μ
- (O N Q MH - O NH ) n  S NO2  NO2	52 mV/μ	25 mV/μ
-(OCH2CH2-NCH2CH2O-17 NO2	Ο Νπ) 67 m V/μ	39mV/μ

It is interesting to note here that the SHG signal from the PU1C15 repoled was much stronger than the one from PE1C15 (FIGURE 104) prepared under similar conditions (35 vs 9.6 mV/ $\mu$ , Table 34).

**TABLE 34**POLYESTERS VS POLYURETHANES FOR SHG

POLYMER STRUCTURE	SHG
- (0 \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	9.6 mV/μ
PE1C15-"REPOLE"	
- (0 \ N \ 0 \ NH \ \ NO2	35 mV/μ
PU1C15-"REPOLE"	

This could be attributed to two phenomena. Firstly, in the urethanes better dipole alignment is possible because of the hydrogen bonding in the urethane linkage. This bonding can be responsible for better "locking in " the urethane C=O dipole parallel to the nitroaniline dipole. In these polyurethanes there are two C=O linkages per every nitroaniline. So, ultimately, there are two carbonyls contributing for SHG along with every nitroaniline.

Secondly, the two added sp<sup>3</sup> nitrogens in the urethane renders the carbonyl dipole more flexible with respect to the backbone above Tg. Also these spacers in a fairly stiff aromatic backbone could help the mobility of the nitroaniline by rendering the whole chain more flexible above Tg. Finally, the hard segment/soft segment model of PUs can be enlisted to summarize the role of the hydrogen bonding "locking in" the dipole orientation below Tg.

# C) Effect of the Second Nitro

**Table 35** summarizes the effect of the addition of the second nitro group in the ortho position to the electron donor. In the DU15, PU13, and PU15 series a general drop in SHG is observed upon addition of the second nitro group. The most dramatic drop is seen in PU1C13  $\rightarrow$  PU2C13 (78  $\rightarrow$  15 mV/ $\mu$ ,  $\downarrow$  81%). PU1C15  $\rightarrow$  PU2C15 shows a 73% drop (178  $\rightarrow$  48 mV/ $\mu$ ). DU1C15  $\rightarrow$  DU2C15 decreases the harmonic signal 56% (81  $\rightarrow$  36 mV/ $\mu$ ).

TABLE 35
COMPARISON OF THE SHG'S (mV/μ) FROM THE MONO AND DINITRO POLYURETHANES

SUBSTITUENT	ANILINES		SULFIDES	
DIOL#→ POLYMERS	l	11	111	IV
HU15	1.4	8.2	9.0	21
DU15	81	36	21	61
PU13	78	15	6.5	12
PU15	178	48	40	52

These results were counterintuitive; one would expect a universal increase in SHG upon addition of a second nitro group due to an increased dipole moment in the dinitroanilines. This certainly was the intention behind the molecular design. However, recently published  $\beta$  measurements of dinitroaniline<sup>90</sup> show that the polarizability of this molecule (21 x 10<sup>-30</sup> esu) is roughly half of that of the p-nitroaniline.

Upon a closer examination of these polyurethanes, a relationship between the stiffness of the polymer backbone and the SHG drop due to the second nitro group can be established. As mentioned earlier, paraphenylene polyurethane has the stiffest backbone of the polyurethanes in the present study. The addition of the second nitro group to create the 2,4 dinitro aniline not only increases the dipole moment of the molecule; it also rotates the direction of the dipole moment. This new net dipole direction is at an odd angle to the chain. Stiff chains can not sterically allow a perfect alignment of these dipoles.

Instead, the poling process must align the para-nitroaniline dipole moment with the electric field. When the excitation takes place under the laser beam, polarization probably chooses the shortest path because this is such a fast process. The shortest polarization in this entity is between the amine and the orthonitro group, see **Figure 114** below.

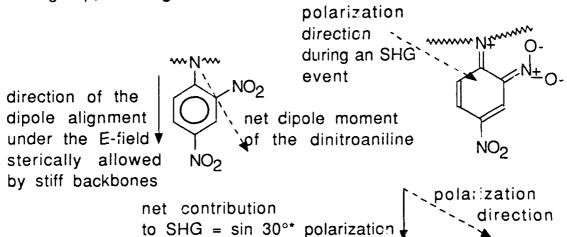


FIGURE 114: ALIGNMENT AND POLARIZATION OF THE DIN!TROANILINES ATTACHED TO STIFF POLYURETHANE BACKBONES

Therefore, only a fraction of the dipole moment is seen for the SHG in the excited state. For the SHG, the difference between the excited and the ground dipole moment is important, as is the transition dipole moment:

$$\beta = |\mu_{qe}|^2 (\mu_e - \mu_q)$$
/dispersion term from 13

Since the excited state dipole moment contributing to the SHG is reduced, and the ground state dipole moment is increased by the addition of the second nitro group the  $\beta$  is drastically lowered as seen from 13.

In the more flexible urethanes, better dipole alignment can be achieved during the poling as seen in Figure 115 below:

FIGURE 115: ALIGNMENT AND POLARIZATION OF THE DINITROANILINES ATTACHED TO

**FLEXIBLE** 

POLYURETHANE BACKBONES

Even if the transition state and the excited state dipole moments are solely directed by the amine  $\rightarrow$  ortho nitro polarization, the SHG contribution from them is larger than that from the similar polarization in the stiff chains.

As the stiffness is relaxed and more flexibility is allowed the signal loss is lessened. This is seen in going from the paraphenylene to the diphenyl methane polyurethanes (PU  $\rightarrow$  DU). PU1C13  $\rightarrow$  PU2C13 shows the biggest drop because 13,000 volts is not as sufficient to "fight" the polymer stiffness as 15,000 volts. The electric field does "fight" the stiffness; in poling the polymer in a sterically impossible direction, the stiffness of the chain works against you, not for you.

Hexamethylene series (HU's) have a very flexible all-sp<sup>3</sup> backbone. These chains can adapt to the odd angles of the dinitroaniline dipoles. As a result, a large increase is seen in SHG of HU1C15  $\rightarrow$  HU2C15 (1.4  $\rightarrow$  8.2 mV/ $\mu$ ).

In the sulfides, there is a net increase in SHG when a second nitro group is added. Unlike the nitroaniline polyurethanes, these side groups have an added degree of freedom around the sp<sup>3</sup> sulfur. Therefore, they have an ability to rotate to perfectly adjust to the new dipole moment direction. The amount of the increase of SHG is in general agreement with the decrease of the chain stiffness.

### D) Role of Sulfur

In the mononitro compounds, the insertion of a thiophenyl group between the nitro group and the aniline ring drastically reduces the SHG response. (See **Table 36**) This effect is evident in the paraphenylene polyurethanes poled at 15,000 V and 13,000 V and also in the diphenyl methane urethanes. The HU series synthesized with the more flexible hexamethylene diisocyanates showed a dramatic increase in the second harmonic response.

TABLE 36
COMPARISON OF THE ANILINE AND SULFIDE
POLYURETHANE SUBSTITUENTS SHG (in mV/μ)

SUBSTITUENT	MONONITRO		DINITRO	
DIOL#→ POLYMER	l	111	II	IV
PU15	178	40	48	52
PU13	78	6.5	15	12
DU15	81	21	36	61
HU15	1.4	9.0	8.2	21

The largest SHG drop was seen in PU1C13  $\rightarrow$  PU3C13 (78  $\rightarrow$  6.5 mV/ $\mu$  down 92%). The second largest drop was observed in PU1C15  $\rightarrow$  PU3C15 (178 $\rightarrow$ 40mV/ $\mu$  down 78%) . In the DU series, DU1C15  $\rightarrow$  DU3C15 the signal drops from 81mV/ $\mu$   $\rightarrow$  21mV/ $\mu$  down 74%. Finally, in HU1C15  $\rightarrow$  HU3C15 an increase is seen; 1.4  $\rightarrow$  9.0mV/ $\mu$  up 543%. The trend here is, once again, that with the increasing stiffness of the backbone, the SHG drop increases in anilines vs diphenyl sulfides.

This happens because the nitroaniline entity in the U1 series has a dipole moment which is more orthogonal to the backbone than that of the sulfides. In stiffer chains ideal alignment of the sulfide dipole moment parallel with that of the carbonyls becomes impossible. Here, again, the stiffness of the backbone works "against you". Nitroanilines are easier to align parallel to the carbonyls, so that the dipole moments add up constructively. In the very flexible hexamethylene urethanes parallel alignment becomes possible and as a result an SHG increase is seen. Finally,  $\beta$  of p-amino-p'-nitro diphenyl sulfide group, 27 x 10-30 esu, is

abot 25% lower than that of the nitroaniline (35-42 x 10-30 esu). This also lowers the SHG of the sulfide polyurethanes compared to that of the similar nitroaniline polymers.

HU series polyurethanes have a completely unsaturated sp<sup>3</sup> backbone that results in HU1, HU2, and HU5 polyurethanes being near their glass transition at room temperature. This is indicated by viscoelastic behavior that can be visually observed in the HU's. Another problem with the HU series is the lower reactivity of hexamethylene diisocyanate vs that of its aromatic counterpart Hexamethylene diisocyanate is a liquid at room temperature with higher volatility than the solid paraphenylene and diphenyl methane diisocyanates. Combined, these two reasons probably result in a lower molecular weight polyurethanes due to an upset stoichiometry.

The diphenyl sulfide bearing HU urethanes (HU3 and HU4) have a stiffer SHG side group than HU1, HU2, and HU5. In light of the flexibility of the sp<sup>3</sup> backbone, this stiffness of the diphenyl sulfides begins to dominate the SH behavior of the polyurethanes.

In the dinitro polyurethanes similar chain stiffness effects are observed. In the PU series, PU2C13 (15 mV/ $\mu$ ) and PU2C15 (48 mV/ $\mu$ ) show SHG signal comparable to that of PU4C13 (12 mV/ $\mu$ ) and PU4C15 (52 mV/ $\mu$ ), their dinitro counterparts, respectively. DU4C15 shows an increased signal over that of DU2C15 (61 mV/ $\mu$   $\leftarrow$  36 mV/ $\mu$ , up 69%). HU4C15 (21 mV/ $\mu$ ) shows a marked improvement over HU2C15 (8.2 mV/ $\mu$ , up 149%).

the stiffest paraphenylene urethane chains. dinitroanilines are comparable to the dinitro sulfides in their harmonic response because both offer active dipole moments at an odd angle to the backbone. It is also sterically impossible to align the active dipoles parallel to that of the carbonyls. The added degree of freedom, afforded by the rotation around the sulfur in PU3 does very little to improve the alignment of the dipole and polarization direction parallel to the electric field. In PU4, however, better alignment of the polarization direction with the E-field is possible because of the polarization to the ortho nitro as seen in Figures 114, 115 and 116. Unfortunately, as seen in Table 25 in Chapter 7, PU4 absorbtion is much greater than that of the other polyurethanes (I-III) in the green region. Therefore.

there is virtually no SHG difference between the two types of urethanes.

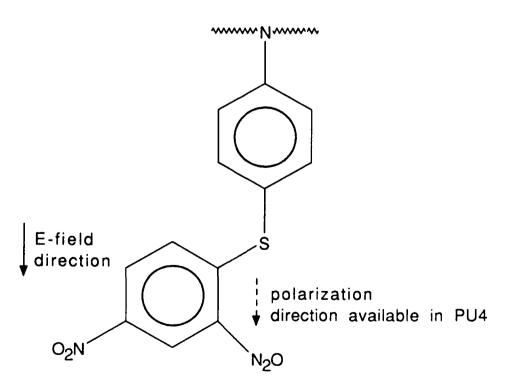


FIGURE 116: PU4 POLARIZATION UNAVAILABLE FOR PU3

It could be argued that a slight drop in PU13's and a slight increase in PU15's could be related to the increasing ability to align the active groups with the higher electric field. Rather than asserting this fact, it should be pointed out that the effect is so slight that it is within the error range of the experiment.

As in the mononitro compounds, the added flexibility of the DU backbones sterically allows a better alignment of the SHG groups in the electric field. This results in an increased sulfide harmonic response vs that of the nitroanilines. Here, once again, the flexibility issue dominates the harmonic response. Sulfides are better able to align the dinitrobenzene dipole moments due to an added degree of freedom provided by the rotation ability around the sp<sup>3</sup> sulfide. This does not do much in the PU4C15 and PU4C13 because the sulfur rotation alone can not bring the dipole alignment. However, in the diphenyl methane urethanes it is coupled with the rotational ability of the methylene link and dipoles are sterically alignable.

In the HU2C15  $\rightarrow$  HU4C15 a 149% increase can also be attributed to the stiffness of the diphenyl sulfide group in the very flexible backbone. This stiffness helps to preserve the dipole alignment and slower the relaxation process in the HU sulfides.

### E) Density Study

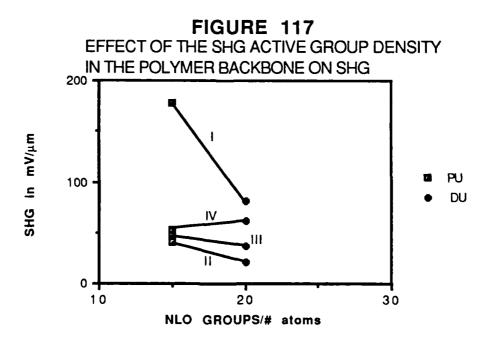


Figure 117 shows the attempt to relate the magnitude of the SHG from the polyurethanes with a number of the NLO non-contributing atoms (those that do not have attached NLO side groups) in the backbone. This number is 15 for the PU series and 20 for the DU's. The dependence of the harmonic response on the NLO group density is difficult to measure across the board with all three polyurethanes, PU's, DU's and HU's. The HU series has to be discounted here because of the molecular weight issue that arises due to the reasons mentioned previously. This results in PU urethanes near their glass transition at room temperature. The SHG signal quickly relaxes at room temperature for the HU's.

This leaves only two points on the density plot, that of the PU15's and DU15's. The only pronounced difference between the series shows up in PU1C15 (178 mV/ $\mu$ ) and DU1C15 (81mV/ $\mu$ ). Other corresponding PU15 - DU15 urethanes show comparable signals.

In light of these data, it appears more productive to work on the SHG optimization by maximizing the polarizability of the active group and the alignment of its dipole moment rather than maximizing the number of atoms with the SHG active groups in the backbone. However, once this optimization is achieved, as in PU1C15, the density effect becomes more pronounced. Clearly, more data points are needed on this plot before any conclusions c a n b e d r a w n .

## CHAPTER 9 FUTURE WORK

Optimization of the second harmonic response from the polymers can be approached from several directions. The presently described alignment polymerization systems can be improved by a more uniform film deposition and by reactivity tailored poling. Synthetic improvements fall into two categories. Firstly, the existing synthetic conditions can be modified to yield in polymers, especially molecular weight case poly(ANDS) cyclopolymerizations. polyesterifications and condensations. Secondly, the active "ingredients" can be modified to produce altered polymers with possibly increased molecular weights or increased harmonic response.

Thirdly, a more uniform polymeric dipole alignment is possible with several variations of the corona poling. Only a relatively small radial polymeric region below the corona tip is optimally aligned. If the corona discharge takes place from a sharp edge of a wire instead of a point source, a narrow polymeric strip is aligned. Furthermore, this approach can be extended to a grid of coronas. Here, an array of strategically positioned point sources of voltage create overlapping radial polymeric regions that span the entire film surface. If the corona poling apparatus is enclosed in a sealed container filled with gas, which has higher dielectric strength than air, the breakdown will occur at higher voltages. This might result in increased dipole alignment.

During the alignment polymerization of urethanes, the poling voltage can be ramped with the temperature. As mentioned in Chapter 7, the dielectric breakdown of air takes place at lower voltages as the temperature is increased. Consequently, if the voltage is increased as the heat is shut off in the polyurethane poling, slight SHG improvement could be seen.

Similarly, if the polymerization of urethanes is carried out with the tailored reactivity diisocyanates, then specific voltage vs temperature and time profiles can be developed for each polymeric system. The importance of optimizing the diisocyanate reactivity was demonstrated in Chapter 7. If the diisocyanate reacts too slow, then the side reactions with water and other impurities become increasingly important.

If it reacts too quickly, then the polymerization will take place too early, either in the monomeric solution prior to the deposition or as the solvent evaporates. In both cases, polymerizations occur prior to the application of the aligning voltage. Certainly, more disocyanates need to be examined to better balance the reactivity tradeoffs.

More solvent systems should be evaluated for better monomer deposition. Presently, uniform films are very difficult to obtain from the alignment polymerization. This is because four diols (I-IV) and the tetrol V display a surprisingly wide array of solubilities. In particular, IV was especially difficult to dissolve in THF. A high volatility solvent capable of high diol and diisocyanate solubility will deposit a more uniform monomeric coating, yielding a smoother polymeric film.

Another polyurethane SHG improvement can be brought about by using a disocyanate with an SHG active group. For instance, N,N di(2-isocyanatoethyl) 4-nitroaniline can be obtained:

FIGURE 118: SYNTHETIC ROUTE TO A NLO DIISOCYANATE

The first part of this synthesis has been successfully carried out, as described below. The second stage is readily obtained from the literature<sup>88</sup> is a standard route to isocyanates. This diisocyanate doubles the SHG active group density in the polyurethanes and hopefully further improving the polymer harmonic response.

Diamines have been prepared from the I diol according to:

FIGURE 119: SYNTHETIC ROUTE TO A NLO DIAMINE

This synthetic route was proposed and carried out by Dr Wei.<sup>89</sup> He had difficulty isolating the free amine in the last reaction step. When the free amine is obtained, it can be used to prepare nylons, polyimides and epoxies.

The new polymeric systems not only expand the range of polymer classes for SHG, they provide an interesting intermediate between the polyesters and polyurethanes in the polyamides. With the NLO polyimides, a new class of thermally stable SHG polymers is insured. Finally, epoxies will provide another class of the crosslinked polymers with permanently aligned dipoles. As an added benefit, these new classes will provide more data on the effect of increasing the SHG group density in the polymer backbone.

Also, if the conditions for cyclopolymerization of VI and VII are determined, yet another class of linear SHG polymers with a high density of NLO groups will be obtained. These cyclopolymerization conditions must exist because a crosslinked product was readily obtained at higher temperatures.

Finally, poly(ANDS) is only one synthetic step away from fruition. Poly(DNDS) synthesis proves the feasibility of poly(ANDS) polymerization. Both poly(ANDS) and poly(DNDS) should be excellent SHG polymers, if either their crystallinity is disrupted or utilized for the phase matching. Certainly, they warrant more work because of their superb SHG potential. Similarly, more effort in polymerization of poly(ANDS vinylene) will bring equally high dividends.

In conclusion, it is interesting to point out that molecular engineering of polymers for SHG, and polyurethanes in particular, brought very satisfying results. The corona alignment polymerization yielded excellent results. It yielded significantly higher SHG values than the conventional corona poling in all of the polymeric systems tested.

At the same time it provides an unique tool for dipole alignment of the rigid backbone polymers. Such aromatic polymeric systems offer temporal and thermal SHG longevity that was lacking for this class of materials before. High  $T_g$  polymers are almost impossible to align via conventional corona or parallel plates poling, because of the high temperatures required. Corona alignment polymerization offers the only way to efficiently pole these polymers. It definitely has high potential for other NLO polymerization systems. It can also be extended to ceramic systems, such as sol-gels.

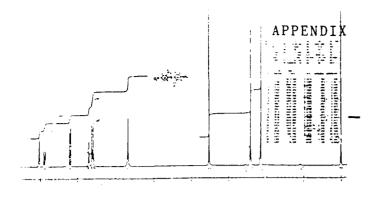


FIGURE 10: NMR of B

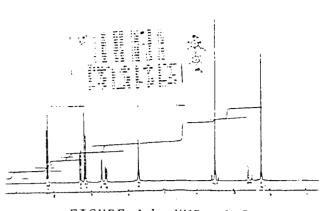


FIGURE 11: NMR of C

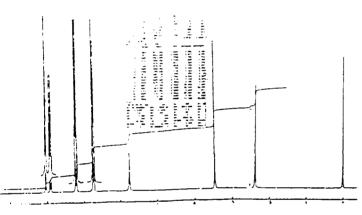


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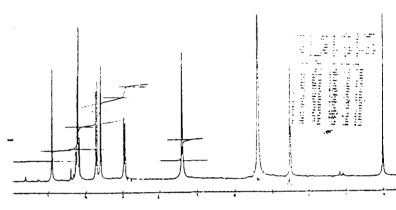


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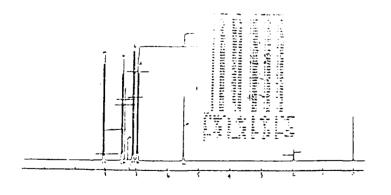


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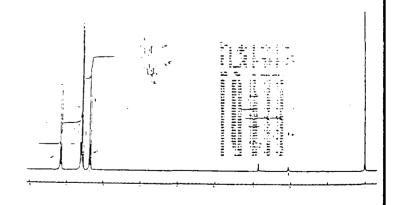
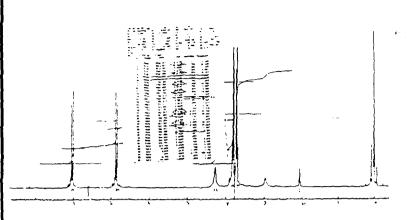


FIGURE 15: NMR of G



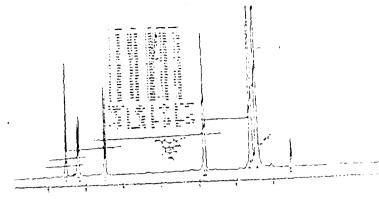
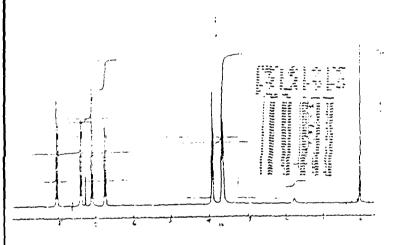


FIGURE 18: NMR of I

FIGURE 19: NMR of II



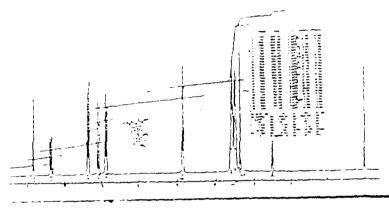


FIGURE 20: NMR of III

FIGURE 21: NMR of IV

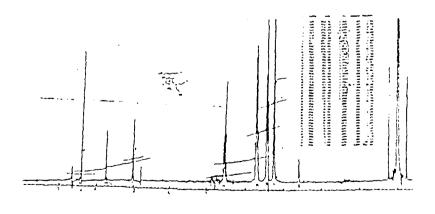


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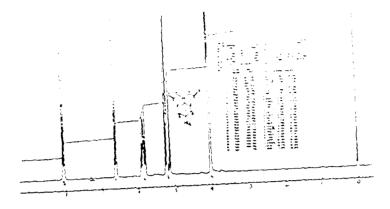


FIGURE 24: NMR of VI

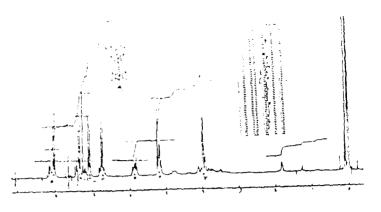


FIGURE 25: NMR of VII

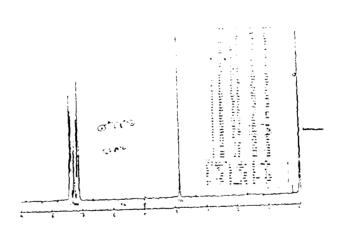


FIGURE 27: NMR of Diphenyl Malonate

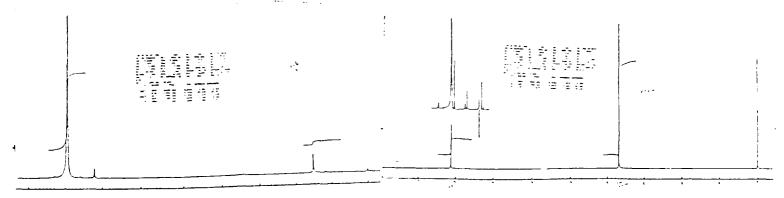


FIGURE 29: NMR of 2,6-dinitro-1,4-dichlorobenzene

FIGURE 30: NMR of 2,5-dinitro-1,4-dichlorobenzene\*2dioxane

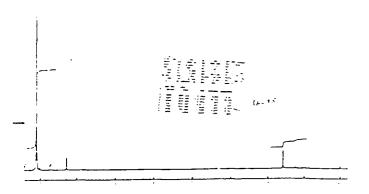


FIGURE 31: NMR of clean 2,5-dinitro-1,4-dichlorobenzene

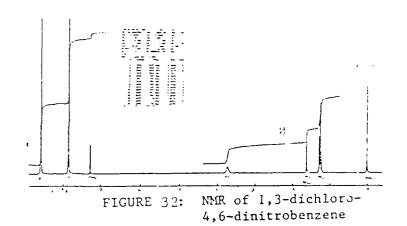


FIGURE 33: NMR of 1,2-dichloro-4,5-dinitrobenzene

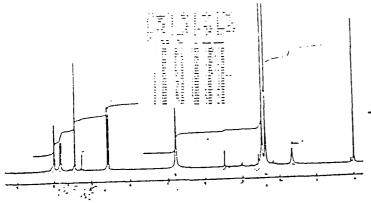


FIGURE 36: NMR of 3,5-dichloro-0,0'-limethyl-v-amino-4'-nitro diphenyl sulfide

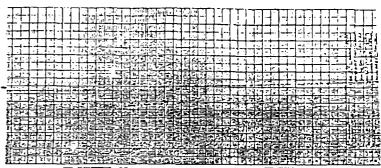


FIGURE 38: WAX of Poly(DNDS)

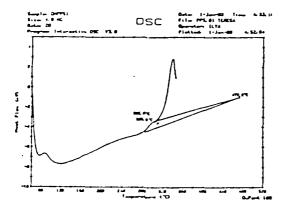


FIGURE 37: DSC of Poly(DNDS)

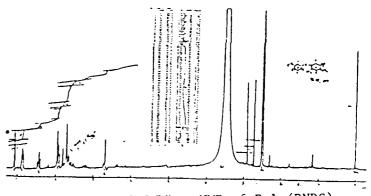


FIGURE 39: NMR of Poly(DNDS)

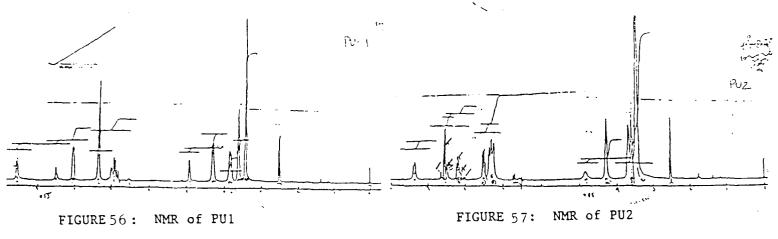


FIGURE 56: NMR of PU1



FIGURE 58: NMR of PU3

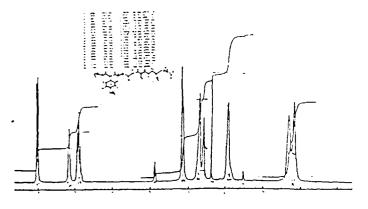


FIGURE 60: NMR of HU1

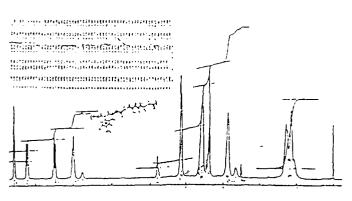


FIGURE 61: NMR of HU2

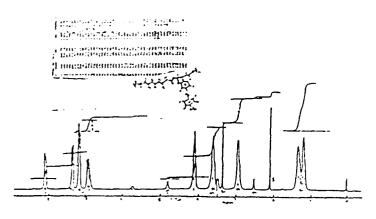


FIGURE 62: NMR of HU3

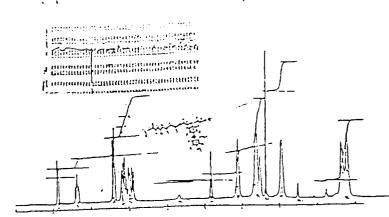
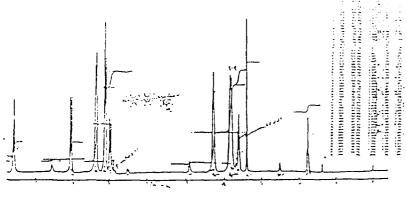


FIGURE 63: NMR of HU4



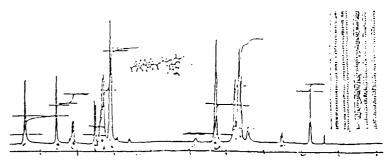
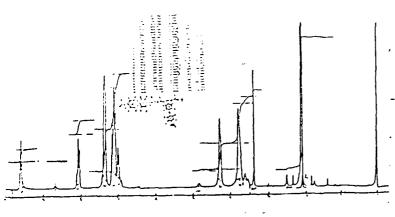


FIGURE 64: NMR of DU1

FIGURE 65: NMR of DU2



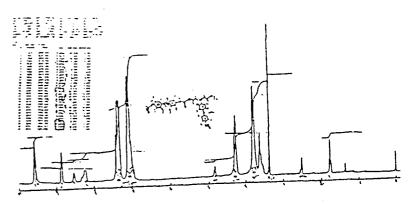
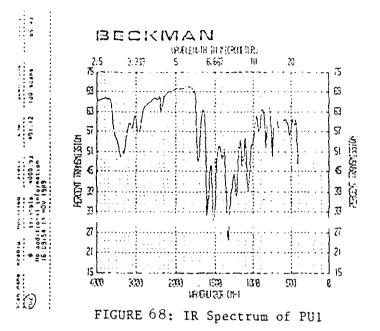
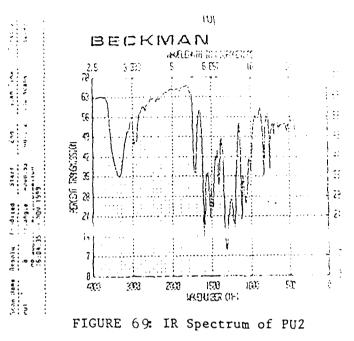
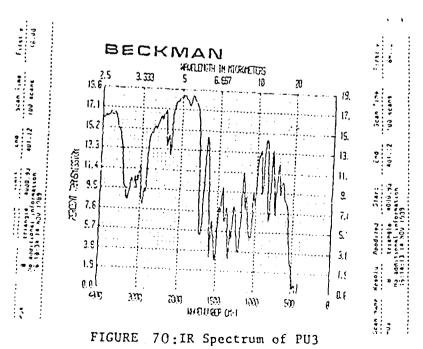


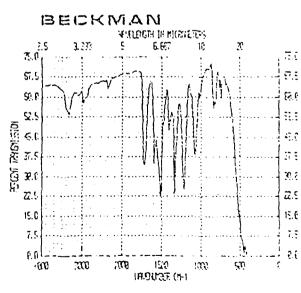
FIGURE 66: NMR of DU3

FIGURE 67: NMR of DU4









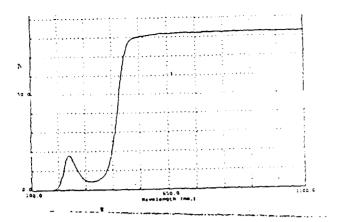


FIGURE 72: UV Spectrum of PU1

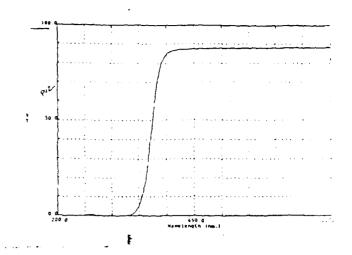


FIGURE 73: UV Spectrum of PU2

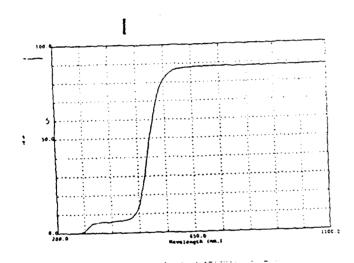


FIGURE 74:UV Spectrum of PU3

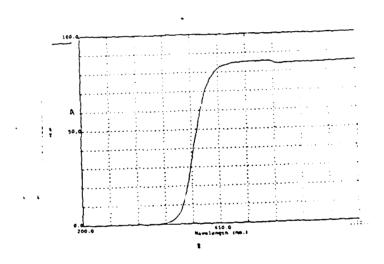


FIGURE 75: UV Spectrum of PU4

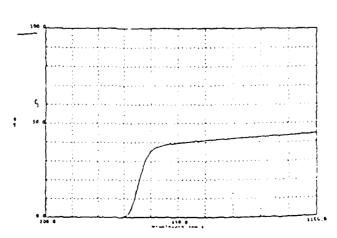
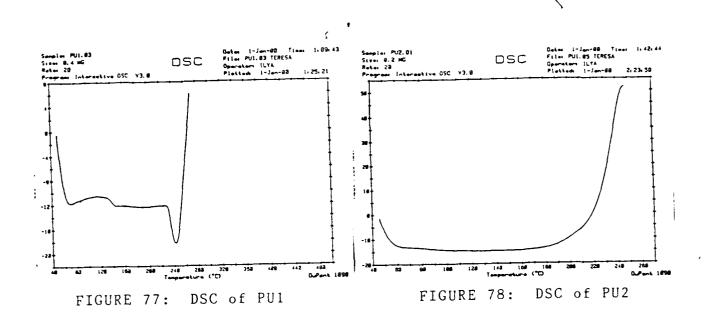


FIGURE 76 UV Spectrum of PU5



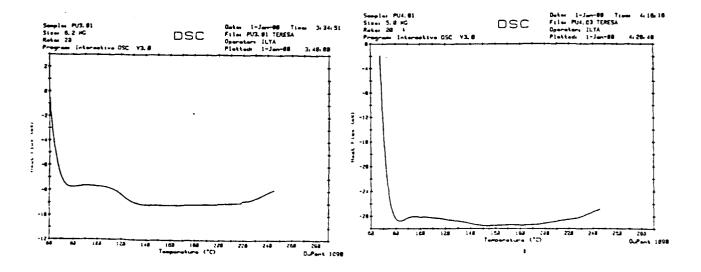


FIGURE 79: DSC of PU3

FIGURE 80: DSC of PU4

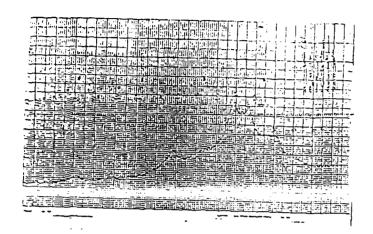


FIGURE 81: SAX from PU1

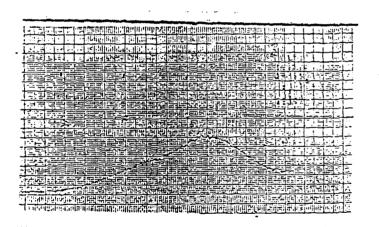


FIGURE 83: SAX from PU3

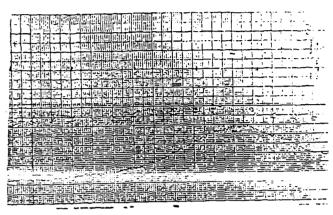


FIGURE 82: SAX from PU2

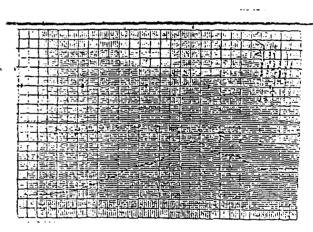
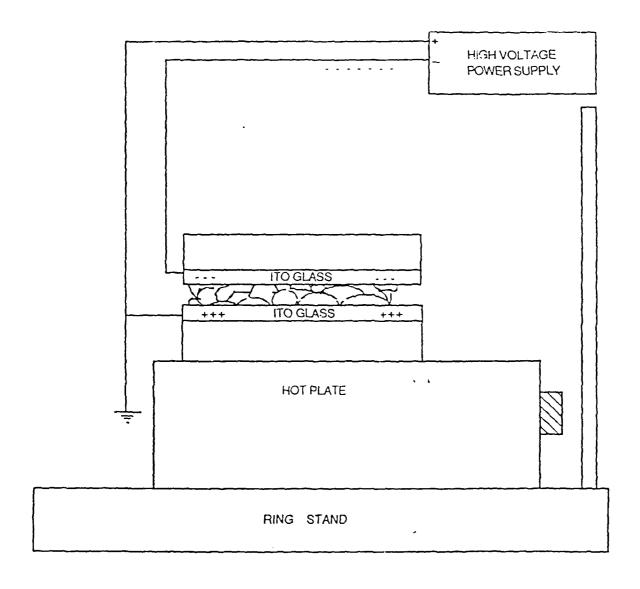


FIGURE 84: SAX from PU4

FIGURE 85
PARALLEL PLATES POLING



## FIGURE 86

## PARALLEL PLATES ALIGNMENT POLYMERIZATION WITH PET

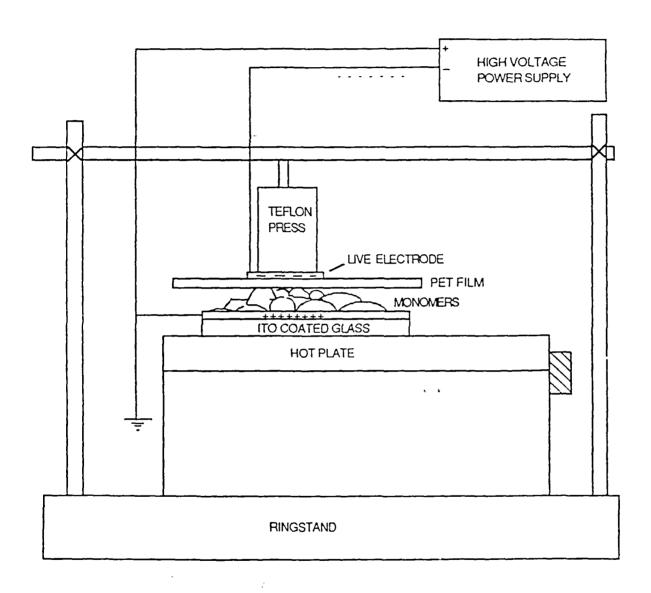
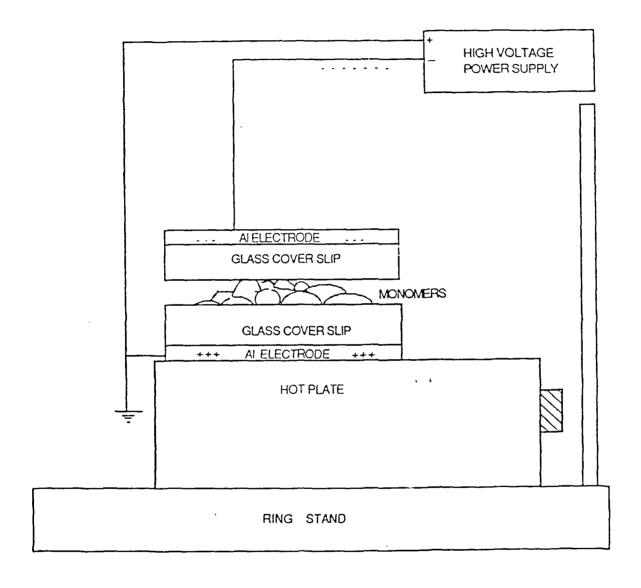


FIGURE 87

# PARALLEL PLATES ALIGNMENT POLYMERIZATION, WNEK METHOD



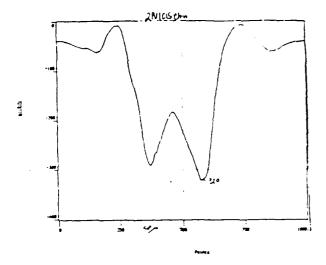


FIGURE 88: SHG from PU1C15

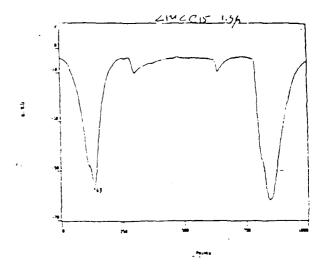


FIGURE 89: SHG from PU2C15

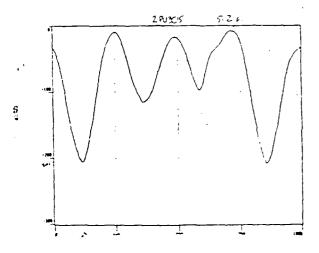


FIGURE 90: SHG from PU3C15

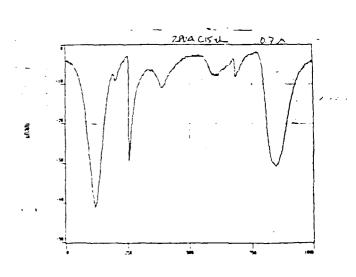


FIGURE 91: SHG from PU4C15

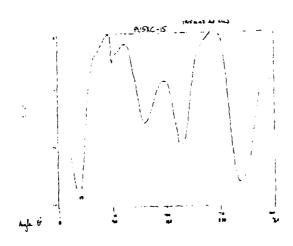
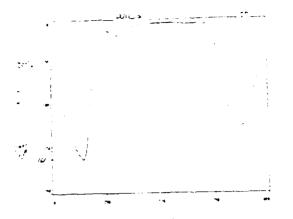


FIGURE 92: SHG from PU5C15



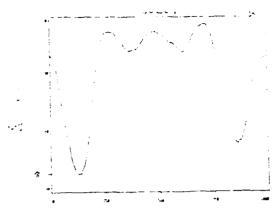


FIGURE 93: SHG from DU1C15 FIGURE 94: SHG from DU2C15

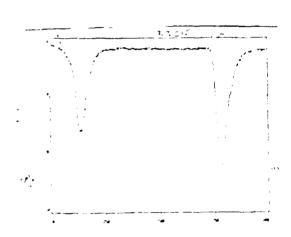
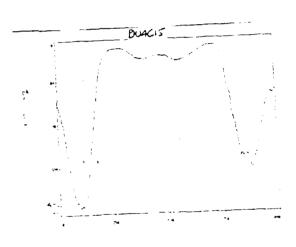


FIGURE 95: SHG from DU3C15 FIGURE 96: SHG from DU4C15



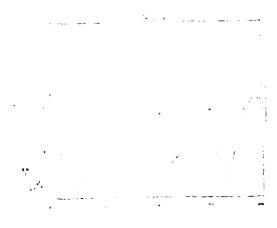


FIGURE 97: SHG from DU5C15

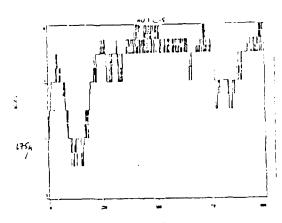


FIGURE 98: SHG from HU1C15

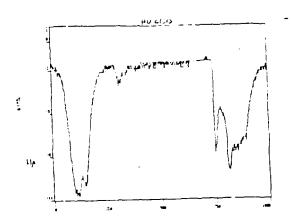


FIGURE 99: SHG from HU2C15

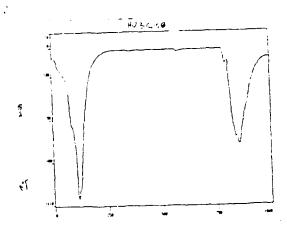


FIGURE 100: SHG from HU3C15

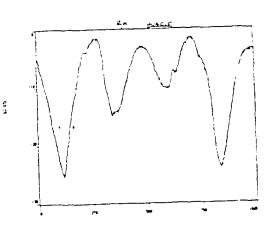


FIGURE 101: SHG from HU4C15

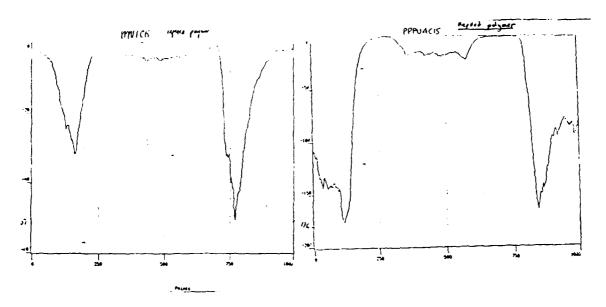


FIGURE 103: SHG from Repoled PU1C15

FIGURE 104: SHG from Repoled PU4C15

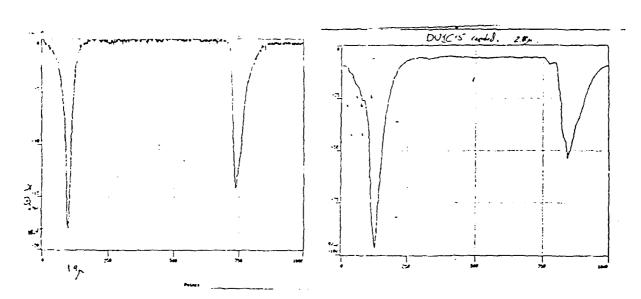


FIGURE 105: SHG from PE1C15

FIGURE 120: SHG from Repoled DUIC15

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